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# The First Aviation Leaders Forum on Airports and Airlines Winter Operations

10 October 2011, Andrews Theater, Keflavik Airport, Iceland

**Top airports and airlines executives and regulators will meet in Iceland on 10 October 2011 and develop the first winter operation procedures standard.**

## Welcome

Keilir Aviation Academy announces "The first Aviation Winter Operation Forum," presented in partnership with AirTransportNews, ACI, AEA, SITA, Icelandair, Kadeco and the Ministry of Transport in Iceland.

**Patron of the Forum:** *H.E. Ólafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of Iceland*  
**Chairman:** *Dr. Kostas Iatrou, Managing Director Air Transport News*  
**Vice-Chairman:** *Mr. Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus, Secretary General AEA*  
**Vice-Chairman:** *Mrs. Catherine Mayer, Vice President SITA*

During the winter of 2010-11 the European snowstorms caught the entire aviation industry by surprise. Airports in other regions of the world are equally confronted with weather challenges and this forum will bring all parties together to discuss solutions for the future.

The Airport and Airlines Winter Operation Forum will allow discussion on the lessons learned from the airports and airlines winter operations in Europe in 2009 and 2010 and how technology, rules, regulations, airports equipment, weather forecasts and personal training must be improved before the next winter snowfalls and storms in Europe. Invited speakers come from civil aviation authorities in Europe, Russia and the US, the European Commission, EUROCONTROL, ACI, AEA, ECAC, EASA, FAA, ICAO, IATA, airlines, airports and air navigation service providers, meteorological offices, as well as personnel from research organizations directly involved in supporting the aviation business and international and regional organizations. Top scientists will address the issues of snowfalls and snow distribution.

***"I am looking forward to this new and unique forum in Iceland. Safety is our enduring number one priority for airports world-wide and this event will focus our attention specifically to winter conditions. I encourage your attendance at this high level meeting."*** *Angela Gittens, ACI World Director General.*

AirTransportNews has been chosen to coordinate this extraordinary multi-disciplinary meeting which will assemble aviation, airports and airlines leaders, experts and policy-makers from all over the world in Iceland on October 10, 2011 to build the basis of what would become the Winter Operation Standard.

AirTransportNews with the support of ACI, AEA, SITA, Icelandair and Kadeco kindly invite you to join these experts in order to voice your ideas as well as contributing to this great project. Discover how the aviation, airports and science communities can work together to increase safety and efficiency in dealing with future winter snowfalls and storms.

Please see below the links for more information such as the topics covered, the agenda of the day, the list of speakers involved in this meeting;

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**A Greeting  
from  
the President of Iceland  
Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson**

**Patron of the Conference**

Last year the Keilir Aviation Academy hosted a timely and successful conference on the lessons to be learned from the surprises Mother Earth can still come up with. The Eyjafjallajökull eruption became both the core and the symbol of that much-needed debate. The distinguished gathering of aviation leaders, experts, representatives and officials contributed to making the industry better prepared for next time.

Now Iceland is again bringing aviation stakeholders together. The reason is the need to improve winter operations. The failures last December are still vivid in the minds of millions of people. To be stopped at the airport when you are already in Christmas mood is not a formula for enjoyment!

Why Iceland? – you might ask. The reason is simple. Not only is our country the home of the largest collection of volcanoes in Europe but we also host the biggest glaciers in Europe and guard some gateways to the Arctic. For centuries, winter weather has been a challenge to our nation.

Yet, despite these testing conditions, Iceland has become a successful airline hub in the North-Atlantic, connecting America to Europe for decades; flying when others decided to wait. Short airstrips in narrow fjords have trained our pilots to cope with winter conditions; an experience which has served them well in the international arena.

For all these reasons – and many more – the Keilir Aviation Academy decided to build on last year's success and serve again as a venue for a global dialogue on how airports and airlines can successfully maintain winter operations.

It will be a pleasure to welcome you all.

