



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of CIVIL AVIATION CHAPLAINS

IACAC NEWSLETTER

February 2019

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Yes, this is the February Newsletter, but sent out in early March so that we could include a report of the Executive Board's meeting in Nairobi, Kenya.

Those who were at the Charlotte Annual Business Meeting will remember that the Exec. Board was mandated to work with the bidding Chaplaincy Team in planning the 2020 IACAC Conference in Nairobi, Kenya (the bid from Nairobi being the only invitation for 2020 received at that time).

Not all members of the Exec. Board were able to attend the February Board meeting, although through the wonders (and at times, despite the vicissitudes) of modern technology, Stephan, our media officer was able to play a full part in most of the Board meetings, despite remaining in Zurich. Those who did attend made it clear to the host chaplaincy team that the decision to hold the conference in Nairobi could not be confirmed until the Annual Business Meeting in Melbourne in October 2019. At the Charlotte Business Meeting the Board was asked to assess the feasibility of a Nairobi Conference and to give a clear steer to the bidding team.

You will also remember that the Business Meeting agreed that, in future, the Exec Board should be hosted for its February meeting not by the host team for that same year (leaving only six months to plan, prepare or change direction) but by the host team for the following year – giving 18 months to amend and execute plans for the conference. This change has proved really transformative, and the Exec Board were impressed by the Nairobi team's grasp of planning, but also by their willingness to listen to the advice of the Board (which currently consists of four present or past host chaplains). We met with the CEO of the Kenyan Civil Aviation Authority who made it clear that, for the KCAA to support or engage with the IACAC's conference, an 18 month timescale was possible, whereas a six month timescale would have been too short.



Capt. Gibert Macharia M.Kibe Director General, KCAA hosted the Board for lunch

As to the Exec Board's response to our time in Kenya; We saw good planning in place, an abundance of suitable conference venues, a level of security that was not intrusive but did serve to underline that Kenya, and its capital, Nairobi, take security very seriously, with every hotel, conference centre, restaurant and shopping arcade ensuring that those entering and those inside can feel reassured throughout their stay. We saw evidence of good partnerships already made with airports (JKIA and Wilson to name but two), local businesses, local charities/non-profits/NGOs, aviation companies, including the KCAA and the possibility of future partnerships well underway.



We met a diverse, talented and experienced team of chaplains, with whom we were able to speak and listen with mutual understanding and respect – and who were generous and hospitable hosts.



Members of the Nairobi Airport Chaplaincy team



We visited fields of tea and coffee bushes as far as the eye could see

(and saw something of the manufacturing process).



And we saw lions, giraffes, baby rhinos, orphaned elephants, zebras, buffalo, antelope, crocodiles, and hippopotamuses (or hippopotami if you prefer). The “unseasonably hot” February weather (25-30°C / 77-86°F with a gentle breeze throughout) was cooler than Melbourne, warmer than Indiana or Paris, and much drier than Manchester! Kenya is beautiful and Nairobi a modern high-rise city!



The opportunity to see wildlife at such close (but safe) quarters was undoubtedly the most appealing element of a visit to Nairobi. It's why tourism in Kenya is the second-largest source of foreign exchange revenue following agriculture with numbers peaking at 1.8 million in 2011 before sliding to 1.49 million in 2013. It will be good to understand this better, and to understand why negative media stories can have such a significant (but not necessarily justified) impact on travel and tourism. The conference there is likely to focus on the work of chaplains with those in greatest need of support, another story to be told about air travel and modern day human migration across, within, to and from the great and beautiful continent of Africa.

We said we would report back to the Association what progress has been made before the Melbourne Conference Business Meeting: **The Exec Board strongly recommends to the Conference Business Meeting in Melbourne in 2019, and to our wider membership, that a conference in Nairobi, Kenya in 2020 will be affordable, safe and secure and will be profitable to all who attend. It will be an opportunity to celebrate the vibrancy and future potential of airport chaplaincy in Africa, and to see that reality for ourselves, as so often, African chaplains struggle to attend conferences in Western countries, as it is so often difficult or impossible to get a visa. Nairobi 2020 will be an opportunity to encourage our colleagues on the continent of Africa by our presence and support. Our aim is that every civil aviation chaplain on the African continent will be able to attend, and that, for everyone who attends, accommodation, travel, professional input and the total experience will be of the highest possible standard and best possible value.**

The 52nd Annual IACAC Conference will take place in Melbourne, Australia, from Sunday 13 – Friday 18 October, 2019. I invite you to honour the commitment of our Australian members who are so regular in attending conferences in Europe and the United States, by returning the favour and enjoying some fantastic Aussie hospitality. As part of our meeting, the Board heard more detailed plans for Melbourne 2019, and we know already that the phrase “*highest possible standard and best possible value*” certainly holds true there. Also planned are elements that conference

feedback always suggests are most valued by those attending, so there will be plenty of time to listen to and learn from one another as we *celebrate Diversity – Embracing Differences as a Gift*. Again, it is always my hope that by meeting in Australia we can bring together the airports of the region (both those with chaplains and those which don't yet have a chaplaincy team), and encourage the work of airport chaplaincy across that continent and in the Asia-Pacific region. See you next year in Melbourne!

Research among members has found that “Five star” conferences include:

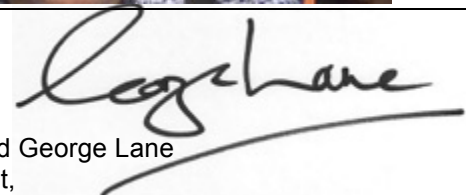
I Spiritual worship I Cultural exchange I Professional Education I Relational Interchange and I Personal Renewal

I am delighted to say that on this basis I believe both Melbourne and Nairobi will provide us with five star conferences!

The board wants to encourage chaplaincy teams AND national, regional or denominational networks to consider bidding to host a global IACAC conference beyond 2020.

In October 2019, the Board's **Preferred Host** Chaplaincy 2020 (Nairobi) will make a presentation to the 2019 Business Meeting allowing the membership to confirm (or not) Nairobi for 2020. In addition the Board is eager to confirm a **Preferred Host** Chaplaincy for the **2021 conference** at the 2019 Business Meeting, to become '**Host chaplaincy 2021**'. At the same 2019 conference, the Board is also keen to receive bids from **Potential Host** candidates for the 2022 conference. Bids will be made by potential host chaplaincies, one of which will become '**Preferred Host** candidate 2022' who can then proceed to the planning stage (being confirmed as '**Host chaplaincy 2022**' at the 2020 Business Meeting.)

In short: we need to confirm 2020 and 2021 in Melbourne and to receive bids for following years at the same conference. Please consider and pray about whether your chaplaincy or network might offer to be a potential host candidate.



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FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Training of chaplains and list of competencies.

The Board continues to follow the work of Peter Hawkins who established a consistent list of competencies for airport chaplains. Many comments from board members have underlined the diversity of requirements in different countries and airports. The main purpose of this list, which was presented during our business meeting in Charlotte, is to be an efficient tool for chaplains and chaplaincies to help establish new chaplaincies, train new chaplains, enrich their continued education, strengthen the role of chaplaincies in airports, establish or renew job descriptions for chaplains etc. It is also an interesting challenge for our association which presents itself as a global professional association of civil aviation chaplains.

We continue to refine that list and in particular try to differentiate competencies (that can be acquired and developed through training and continued education) from characteristics of the profile of a chaplain. We also aim to sort, compile and revise the material that has been collected and developed over the years and to link it to the competencies of airport chaplains. In this regard, we would be very thankful for any document, presentation, article, video... that you think might be useful to other colleagues. It would also be extremely useful to have documents in various languages.

All of this will be made available on the members' section of our website within the next few months.

Please contact Pierre, our Vice-President
vp@iacac.aero **with any material you would like to share with us.**

All the best,
Pierre

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Vice-President
International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains

IACAC 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE MELBOURNE 2019

Sunday 13th October-Friday 18th October



Conference Theme:
Diversity-Embracing Differences as a Gift

Conference Venue-
Best Western Airport Motel and Convention Centre
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Conference Opening Ceremony- Sunday 13th October
Annual Business Meeting - Tuesday 15th October
Gala Dinner - Thursday 17th October
Delegates Depart after Breakfast-Friday 18th October

Cost - \$1100 AUD
(Conversion rates on the 18th February- \$758USD.
£579, €662)

Post Conference Tour

Five Days and four nights
Friday 18th October- Tuesday
22nd October
Touring the Great Ocean Road
and Goldfields Area of Victoria



Cost \$990 AUD
(Conversion rates on the 18th February- \$683USD.
£522, €596)

NB These conversion rates are only approximate and vary from day to day.

The conference and tour program is now on the website at www.iacac.aero. Booking details will be uploaded to the website very soon as well as being circulated to all on our mailing list.

IACAC MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder to all members of IACAC that their 2019 membership payment is now due. Membership dues can be paid through the IACAC website.

\$60 for Active Members

\$30 for Associate members

Access to the Members' Section of the website will be limited to those members who have paid their 2019 membership.

FOCUS ON BRITISH ISLES AND IRELAND AIRPORT CHAPLAINS' NETWORK

The Network was fully established in 1998, although the seeds of its role predate that, with occasional meetings of a few Airport Chaplains in the early 1990's. As numbers of Chaplaincies grew in the UK and Ireland, so the need for an informal Network was realised.

The reasons for the Network's existence were set down in a paper originally written in 2011 and revised in 2015 by the Revds Michael Banfield and Roy Monks.

In essence the Network

- enables Chaplains from across the British Isles and Ireland to meet together on a regular basis
- provides an opportunity for learning and sharing of good practice
- fosters a team spirit as we focus on issues that affect all our airports
- gives us a voice at a national level within aviation and the local Church and faith communities
- supports new Chaplaincies

- enables the work and support of IACAC to be cascaded to those unable to attend the IACAC annual conferences
- a coordinator and secretary are elected from Network members, serving for two years. Neither can be re-elected for more than three consecutive terms

The Network now has over a hundred names in its directory representing 28 airports across the UK and Ireland. BIIACN holds two meetings a year, put on by a different Airport each time. In the last three years we have been hosted by Belfast City, London Stansted, Southampton, London Gatwick, Liverpool John Lennon and London Heathrow Airports.

It has become the norm for those who wish, to meet the evening before for a meal and some informal rest and recreation. The Network day then consists of some informal prayers, presentations and discussions arranged by the hosts culminating in the business meeting. Recent subjects covered have included Self-defence training; Safeguarding - keeping people and places safe; Interpreting and imagining the spiritual - Chaplaincy on the Wing, amongst many other fascinating talks and discussions. The business meeting focuses on news and views from across the Chaplaincies, giving the chance to say hello to new friends or goodbye to those moving on to pastures new.

Although the Christian influence in Chaplaincies in general and the Network in particular has been predominant, we are working hard to encourage attendance and participation from Chaplains from other faith communities. Following discussions in Belfast in 2016, we agreed to ensure that the prayer time is accessible to all faith groups. So a reading from the Holy Scriptures of the faith of the person leading, without comment or interpretation, followed by a time of silence. In this way, we hope that we will begin to widen our knowledge of all the faiths represented in BIIACN, without bias or prejudice.

The following is an extract written for London Luton Airport's Annual Report 2018, which gives a flavour of our recent Network meetings.

'The two conferences this year were held at Liverpool John Lennon Airport and London Heathrow. It was no coincidence that the room we used at John Lennon airport is called the Cavern suite and the agenda items alluded to Beatle hits such as 'With a little help from my friends' and 'Let it be.' We had an interesting talk from the Head of Environment, which made us realise that the environment wasn't just about what we can see about us at ground level but also what is going on in the sky above us and the systems for routing planes.

At Heathrow we had a very informative talk from Jeremy Bentham, Shell Global Vice President for Global Business Environment. He talked about sustainability and the efforts being made to plan for the future. We also had a talk about 'Developments in Muslim Chaplaincy in the UK' by Dr Asghar Halim Rajput. A topic particularly relevant to us at LLA. It was

also good to meet one of the trustees of Heathrow's Multi-faith Chaplaincy during the evening meal at the Brilliant restaurant in Southall. Coincidentally, one of the best Asian meals ever (apparently Prince Charles has taken both his wives to eat there on separate occasions!). We also had an opportunity to visit British Airways Corporate headquarters at Waterside, a very impressive building with its shops, eating places and water features giving a real feeling of spaciousness and vitality.'

Any Airport Chaplain in the British Isles and Ireland (paid or voluntary, full time or part time) is welcome to join the Network. Just contact the Network Secretary, Liz Hughes on 07710 932198 or liz.hughes@ltn.aero

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPLAINCIES

Thank you to everybody for their ongoing prayers for Fr Glenn O'Connor and for the Rev Michael Banfield. Please continue to hold them both in your thoughts and prayers so they feel surrounded in prayer and feel comforted by the support it can give them.

Indianapolis Airport Chaplaincy recently held their annual fundraiser Chili Lunch to which people from all over the airport were invited. The great success of the day was very gratifying to the chaplaincy team who had worked hard to put the day together and to see it enjoyed by all that attended.



Early in February Melbourne Airport Chaplaincy held a service of blessing for their chaplains and the chaplaincy. During the service the hands of the chaplains were anointed with fragrant oil to remind them that their hands are symbolic of their chaplaincy ministry. It is with their hands that they reach out to care for others

Atlanta Airport Chapel and offices have recently undergone renovation and refurbishment and have a new look. The chapel was rededicated and is now open for use by all passing through the airport.

Atlanta Chapel and offices



The Rev Gabriele Pace, a former chaplain at Munich Airport, wrote to say she is now living in Istanbul. She is the chaplain of the German Protestant Church of Turkey, which has been founded in the 18th Century. She sent some information about the newly opened third airport, Istanbul Airport, which she thought would be of interest to everybody. See the article below

New Istanbul airport opens

The first phase of Istanbul's grand airport opened in an official ceremony on the 95th anniversary of the Turkish Republic.

Istanbul. The first phase of the new Istanbul airport, one of the largest airports in the world, opened in Istanbul with an official ceremony on the 95th anniversary of the Turkish Republic.

The Turkish President Erdogan said the new facility will be called the "Istanbul Airport". The Atatürk Airport in Istanbul will keep its function and name, but it will serve as a fair venue and a city garden in the future.

Over 50 foreign dignitaries from at least 18 countries attended the ceremony. Built by a consortium of five contractors the project has been carried out through a build-operate-transfer model. It will provide over 26 billion Euros (\$30.65 billion) of revenue to the government. The consortium company, IGA, will operate the airport for 25 years.

The airport's maiden voyage got to Turkey's capital Ankara on Oct. 31. The first international flights went to Turkish Cyprus and Azerbaijan's capital Baku.

With the beginning of the year 2019 2,000 planes will go through the airport with over 350 destinations and about 250 carriers. By the end of the year 2019 the new airport will be able to handle up to 90 million passengers annually, ranking it in the world's top five. This will rise to 200 million passengers when all facilities are completed in 2028, by which time it could well be number one. With the remaining phases to be completed by 2023, the airport is to host six separate runways with a capacity of 500 aircraft, an annual 200 million passengers and open and closed carparks for 70,000 cars.

In 2017, that title was held by Atlanta airport in the U.S., with just under 104 million passengers, according to Airport Council International (ACI) figures. Next came Beijing with 95.7 million passengers, Dubai 88.2 million, Tokyo 85.4 million and Los Angeles 84.5 million.

In Europe, London's Heathrow ranked seventh globally with 78 million passengers last year. Paris' Charles de Gaulle came 10th with 69.4 million, Amsterdam 11th with 68.5 million, Frankfurt 14th at 64.5 million and then Istanbul in 15th position with 64.1 million.

It is the first completely new "greenfield" facility in Europe in nearly 20 years. The last totally new airport in Europe was Athens, which came into service in 2001, preceded by Munich in 1992.

The ACI said Turkish air traffic grew 10.9 percent last year, picking up pace in the first half of 2018 to 15.7 percent. The airport will be home to the world's largest duty-free shopping complex. The 53,000-square-meter shopping complex will consist of six sections, including luxury stores and bazaar-like shops.



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy."

Kahlil Gibran