



IBSC

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Welcome

Welcome to the third chairman's e-newsletter. Once again I have to apologise for the long gap since the last communication. The delay has been caused by problems in finalising a date and venue for the next IBSC meeting. These have now been resolved and I am pleased to be able to announce the next meeting date and venue below. This newsletter also contains details of a meeting of the Steering Committee held in The Netherlands in May as well as an update on the IBSC website, which is now live and details of forthcoming birdstrike meetings

Date and venue for the next meeting:

Brasilia, Brazil November 24-28 2008

Unfortunately we were not able, despite Albert Froneman's best efforts, to get a firm commitment to host the meeting in S Africa as originally planned, but our colleagues from CENIPA (the Brazilian flight safety committee), CARSAMPAF (the Caribbean and South American birdstrike committee and the ICAO CARSAM regional office have agreed to jointly host IBSC in Brazil in November 2008. The venue is to be confirmed, and I will provide more details as soon as they are available. The steering committee wishes to express its thanks to our hosts for their kind offer.

Second volume of the proceedings from Athens

Those who attended the Athens meeting should now have received their copy of the second volume of the conference proceedings. If you have not please contact Anastasios directly; tasos.anagnostopoulos@aia.gr

Draft IBSC constitution

The new constitution for IBSC is now written and was discussed and approved by the Steering Committee, which met in The Netherlands in early May. A detailed text will be circulated for approval at the next main meeting, but the main points are:

- A formal constitution published on the website
- Clear responsibilities for the steering committee

- A streamlined steering committee with fewer members and more frequent meetings
- Abolishing working groups
- Establishing 'task groups' with specific duties and deliverables that are time limited
- Restricting proceedings from conferences to a single volume with all other materials published on the website

A draft of the constitution will be placed on the website so that it can be viewed prior to the next meeting.

IBSC website

The IBSC website is now up and running at:

<http://www.int-birdstrike.org>

We have scanned in the IBSC proceedings from the conferences as far back as London 1996 and these are now available as a searchable archive. The proceedings from Vienna and Jerusalem are scanned and will be uploaded soon. We will continue to add more proceedings as time permits.

We intend to add an archive of photographs to the website that people can access for training or publicity purposes about birdstrike issues. If you have any photos that you are prepared to add to the archive and make available to others (note that you must have copyright to the image) please send them as a tiff or jpeg attachment to an e-mail and we will upload them to the website.

We would also like to start a news section to the website detailing recent events, birdstrikes etc but this will only work with contributions from you. Again, if you send me news birdstrikes, accidents, issues and events by e-mail I will arrange for it to be uploaded on the news section on the website. For example, you might want to look at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGIzNJZOW-c>

for a video of a recent and rather spectacular birdstrike at Manchester, UK. Interestingly the bird(s) involved were initially reported to be 2 Grey Herons (weight 1.15kg, 3.31lb) but after we

had done a DNA analysis turned out to be a single Carrion Crow (weight 0.49kg, 1.17lb)! Which goes to show how important correct identification of birdstrikes can be.

The website will continue to evolve with new sections planned but it will only really serve your interests if you tell us what you want. All feedback is welcome via the chairman at the e-mail address below.

Other Steering committee news

As well as discussing the constitution, the Steering Committee also addressed a number of other issues. It was decided to ask Paul Eschenfelder to set up a task group to investigate training standards for wildlife hazard managers at airports with a view to developing recommended best practices in this area. The steering committee also agreed that IBSC should support the mandatory reporting of all birdstrike incidents and should encourage ICAO and other regulators to adopt mandatory reporting as standard.

After the Steering Committee meeting there were 2 days of meetings discussing issues surrounding conservation and birdstrike prevention and proposals to develop a large scale bird migration monitoring system. The Steering Committee fully supports this initiative and we are grateful to the European Space Agency who acted as our hosts for the three days.

Future Meetings

Birdstrike 2007

9th Meeting of Birdstrike Committee USA & Canada September 10 - 13, 2007

Kingston, Ontario CANADA

Four Points Sheraton Hotel & Holiday Inn

<http://www.birdstrikecanada.com/2007conf.htm>

5th International Meeting of ICAO CAR/SAM Birdstrike Committee 1-5 October 2007

Guayaquil Ecuador.

www.lima.icao.int

Contributions for the next newsletter

Any items of news or interest that you would like to be included can be sent to me at the e-mail address below.

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