

Chairman's Newsletter – March 2010

Firstly, my apologies for the long time since the last Newsletter, a combination of a change in responsibilities in my day-job, plus a complete reorganisation of the agency I work for has left me rather swamped recently. Things are now beginning to settle down and I have found some time to update you all on what has been happening at IBSC.

Firstly, there was a meeting of IBSC Europe in the UK last year at which a number of suggestions about restructuring of the steering committee and a new IBSC constitution were endorsed. This has been a long process dating back to a steering committee meeting in the Netherlands in 2007 where this was first discussed and the intention was to endorse the decisions at the meeting in Brazil in 2008. However despite the very high attendance in Brasilia, there were not sufficient voting members of IBSC present and the adoption of the new ways of working was deferred, hence the delay in passing the details on to you.

The new committee is more streamlined, which will help to ensure quicker decision making, and is based around the 'flyways' concept introduced by Luit Buurma the previous chairman, with representatives from each of the main bird flyways in the world plus chairman, vice chairman, outreach officer and representatives from the organisers of previous and future conferences. The new Steering committee is therefore as follows:

Chairman	John Allan (john.allan@fera.gsi.gov.uk)
Vice Chairman	Albert Froneman (albert.froneman@gmail.com)
Europe-Africa Representative	Yossi Leshem (YossiLe@tauex.tau.ac.il)
Americas Representative	Nick Carter (nick@birdstrikecontrol.com)
Asia-Australasia Representative	Geoff Carey (gjcarey@asiaecol.com.hk)
Outreach Officer (tasos.anagnostopoulos@aia.gr)	Anastasios Anagnostopoulos
Organiser of next meeting	Phil Shaw (pshaw@avisure.com.au)
Previous chairmen (advisory)	Luit Buurma (luitbuurma@worldmail.nl) John Thorpe (johnthorpe@flysafe.fsnet.co.uk)

If you need to contact any of the steering committee their details are on the IBSC website (www.int-birdstrike.org)

We have also altered the ways of working of the committee, abolishing Working Groups and instead instituting Task Groups that come together with a specified remit to deliver something by a given date. This usually takes the form of a best practice paper or an

assessment of the current status of a particular technique or risk to be presented at IBSC meetings. At present we have 5 task groups which are as follows:

Incorporation of Birdstrike in Safety Management Systems .

Leader **Nick Carter**, Objective Best practice paper by Cairns meeting in September 2010

Risk assessment for processes for birdstrike prevention

Leader **Mogens Hansen** (mogens.hansen@cph.dk), Objective - Best practice paper by Cairns meeting in September 2010

IBSC Outreach

Leader **Anastasios Anagnostopoulos**, Objective - Standing group to improve IBSC communications, website etc.

Radar and remote sensing

Leader **Felix Liechti** (felix.liechti@vogelwarte.ch), Objective - Produce a state of the art paper on current use of radar and remote sensing in birdstrike prevention by Cairns meeting in September 2010

Training of birdstrike prevention professionals

Leaders **Paul Eschenfelder** (eschenfelder@compuserve.com) and **Anastasios Anagnostopoulos**, Objective – Finalise best practice training document by Cairns meeting in September 2010

The task group leaders will be approaching some individuals directly to seek their input, but if you want to get involved with any of these groups please contact the group leaders directly.

Next Meeting – Cairns 21st – 24th September 2010

All of the arrangements for Cairns 2010 are now coming into place and Phil Shaw, Kylie Patrick and the staff from Avisure and Cairns Airport are busy finalising the last details. Registration is now open via the Avisure website (www.avisure.com.au) or use the link on the IBSC web page. There will be a registration fee charged this year so to take advantage of the 'early bird' registration rate be sure to register before 30th April.