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EDITORIAL

It is my pleasure, as 2008 draws to a close to reflect upon a successful year for the European Society. Your Council was always confident that the pool of skills and knowledge within the region could deliver a first class programme for a European Seminar. Thanks to Anne Evans with assistance from Cranfield University and all of the presenters we proved it in May.

Europe has a dynamic aviation environment, a vibrant manufacturing industry and an evolving regulatory system and so will continue to provide topics for presentation and discussion. Consequently, I am very pleased that our friends from the BFU in Germany are very active in helping to arrange our next seminar in Hamburg for 20/22 April 2009.

It only remains for me to wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful 2009 from the ESASI Council - we look forward to seeing you in Hamburg.

Dave King
President ESASI

ESASI SEMINAR 2009

Hamburg - 20 - 22 April 2009

ESASI is holding its 2009 Seminar in Hamburg on 20 - 22 April. The technical programme will be held on Monday and Tuesday, followed by an optional technical visit on Wednesday 22 April 2009.

More details will follow shortly - keep looking on the ISASI website (www.isasi.org) for the latest information

If you are interested in presenting a paper please contact Anne Evans (aevans@aaib.gov.uk)

ESASI INAUGURAL SEMINAR 2008

'Air Accident Investigation in the European Environment'

The European Society held its inaugural seminar at Cranfield University on 24th and 25th April 2008. Over 100 delegates attended. This was an overwhelming response to the new event which was aimed primarily at European members, although attendees came from all over the world, as far away as USA, Africa and Japan. The emphasis of the technical programme was on current European issues in the investigation and prevention of accidents and incidents

The programme began with the changing legal framework in the European environment and presentations from regulators and government investigators. There was a lively exchange of views. An example of how it works was presented by Rolls Royce and Airbus demonstrating European collaboration in Accident investigation - a case study on an Airbus A340 accident, which occurred at Quito, Equador in 2007.



Bernard Bourdon from EASA speaks to the seminar



European delegates at the seminar

Presentations covered the varied challenges in accident investigation; the challenges of scale, for example the A380, the challenges of investigations involving complex systems on-board new generation aircraft, and the challenges of accident investigation in hostile environments. Presenters came from various European countries, including France, Switzerland, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The seminar was a very useful forum for members to exchange ideas on current techniques and future developments in accident investigation.

The feedback from attendees was very positive in terms of the length and extent of the technical programme and ESASI

hopes to follow this very successful inaugural seminar with an annual event.

The main seminar was followed by a social programme which included a visit to the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden in Bedfordshire. About 20 delegates made the journey to see the unique flying collection which showcases the first one hundred years of flight and famous for its regular flying displays. The visit included a tour of the workshops which gave a fascinating insight into the painstaking restoration techniques necessary to maintain the original Edwardian aircraft.

The seminar also coincided with the opening of the Cranfield Accident Laboratory facility, part of the Cranfield Safety & Accident Investigation Centre. The opening by Dr Eddie Trimble marked the end of his long involvement with the successful Accident Investigation Course run by Cranfield University.



Dr Eddie Trimble and Professor Graham Braithwaite at the opening of the Cranfield Accident laboratory facility

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