



# IBSC

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## Chairman's newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first chairman's e-newsletter. It is now nearly 6 months since the meeting in Athens, so I thought that it was time to let everyone know what has been going on in IBSC.

## Accident in the USA



This Falcon 20 crash in the USA on 1<sup>st</sup>. September 2005 was caused by a flock of Mourning Doves (average weight only 126g or 5oz) fortunately no lives were lost.

## Second volume of the proceedings

The transcription of the recordings of the Athens meeting is now complete and, subject to a little editing, will be ready for inclusion in the second volume of the proceedings in a week or so. Hopefully all those of you who wanted to include a paper in the second volume have now sent it to Anastasios, so we hope to be able to get the text to the printers very soon.

## Draft IBSC constitution

A draft of a revised constitution for IBSC, based on a combination of the constitutions of the German Birdstrike Committee and Airports Council International is now in development. It will be circulated to the steering committee for comment and approval and then sent to all members prior to the next full IBSC meeting where it can be voted on.

## Best practice Guidelines for Airport Bird Control

Following on from the debate in Athens, a revised draft of the Best Practice Guidelines Paper has been drawn up and circulated to all those present at the Athens meeting. Once comments have been received, a final draft will be prepared and circulated electronically.

## Feedback From Athens

Ralph Speelman very kindly took the trouble to contact some of you about the Athens meeting to get feedback on the best, and the worst, parts. In general the comments were very favourable, reflecting the excellent facilities and organisation supplied by our Greek hosts. The following is a condensed summary of the feedback received.

## Good Things To Try And Repeat

- Continue to avoid parallel sessions.
- Have more debate sessions with specific topics identified in advance.
- Have registration open on the evening before the conference starts.
- Use of "stand up" sessions for coffee and tea breaks and for meals created great opportunity for networking.
- Include more open discussion type sessions or workshops such as the "best practices" session.
- Have the excursion at/near the end of the meeting so that those with tight time schedules can decide on how best to use their time.
- Having a central booking agent process reservations for the hotels was a good idea. It also was good in that the booking agency was able to negotiate a discount rate.

## Things to try and do differently

- Give more time to papers with good scientific content. Encourage poster papers to allow more time

- The meeting should be organized around a central theme and then sort papers and sessions into related topics
- Organize sessions and session chairman around meaningful topics rather than around working group titles.
- Have papers/presentations available on IBSC web-site or distributed on a CD prior to the conference to enable smart questioning of presenter during Q & A time slot or during break periods.
- Restrict presentations in the general sessions to those topics of international concern. Address more specific or specialized topics in mid-cycle meetings held by the working group chairman
- Eliminate use of conference time to vote on assignment of persons to working group chairman positions.
- Enhance web-site (or find some other way) for advocacy of the meeting and its value to key customers
- Focus conference organization on providing “take away” answers that should be of importance to key investors/sponsors/clients/customers.
- Increase attendance by representatives from regulatory agencies and advisory groups.
- Create opportunity on Sunday evening or Monday morning for “accompanying persons” to renew old friendships and make new friends.
- Encourage lodging in hotel(s) close to the conference venue.
- Provide early confirmation of hotel accommodations, costs etc. Provide early announcement of: (a) hotel locations (b) pre/post conference tours, (c) conference related excursions
- Include opportunity for manufacturers to introduce and/or demonstrate equipment relevant to birdstrike risk reduction.
- Have a mid-week field trip to encourage networking.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to reply. We will do our best to incorporate as many of these suggestions as possible in future meetings. If anyone else has any feedback from

the meeting that they would like to pass on please send it to me directly ([j.allan@csl.gov.uk](mailto:j.allan@csl.gov.uk))

### **The next meeting of IBSC**

We are still in discussion over the date and venue of the next meeting, but we hope that it will be held in South Africa in 2007. As soon as I have confirmation of the dates and other details I will let everyone know what the plans are.

### **IBSC website**

A number of you have commented recently that the IBSC website is rather out of date and that many of the links don't work. Albert Froneman is in the process of revising the site, but transferring ownership of the domain name is taking some time. Once this is achieved we hope to re-launch the site with updated content.

### **Recent Meetings and Conferences**

As part of our effort to get birdstrikes in general, and IBSC in particular, better publicity in the wider aviation community, there have been a number of initiatives recently. I have given presentations to the **UK Flight Safety Committee** and the **Royal Aeronautical Society** on birdstrike issues, which allowed me to address the flight safety officers of most of the major airlines flying into the UK. **The Wildlife Society of N. America** ran a half-day symposium session on wildlife strikes at the recent Wildlife Society Conference in Madison Wisconsin. This allowed wildlife managers to better understand the potential impacts of their profession on flight safety.

A number of papers on birdstrike issues were also presented at the **5th. European Vertebrate Pest Management Conference** in Budapest, including managing Canada Geese around airports and gulls on landfills to control the birdstrike risk.

### **Birdstrike Committee USA/Canada**

The usual excellent meeting was hosted by Vancouver Airport, although attendance was down this year because of the US military's

commitments elsewhere in the world. Next year's meeting is scheduled for New Orleans, but following the terrible events there earlier in the year we are still awaiting news of whether a venue change will be needed.

### **Future Meetings**

The **ICAO/CARSAMPAF/Brazilian Commission on Bird Hazard Control Third International Conference on Bird Wildlife Hazard Prevention** will meet in Rio de Janeiro from 28<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Contact Flávio Coimbra (stc3@cenipa.aer.mil.br) for details.

The **ICAO IBIS Advisory Group** will meet in Montreal in November. The group is reviewing the wording of, and supporting documentation for, the ICAO bird hazard control standards for aerodromes.

### **Contributions for the next newsletter**

If any of you have any items of news etc. that you would like to include in the next e-newsletter please let me know. In the meantime, be lucky!



Hard at work after an exhausting meeting in Athens!

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