



IBSC

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Chairman's newsletter

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New website

Welcome

Welcome to the second chairman's e-newsletter. Firstly, my apologies for taking so long to get into contact with you again. A combination of

Date and venue for the next meeting:

South Africa – February 2008

It has taken a considerable amount of negotiation on the part of Albert Froneman, but we now have an offer of South Africa for the venue of the next IBSC meeting. Because the negotiation has taken so long, and to avoid date clashes with the large annual meeting in the USA/Canada, the Steering Committee has agreed to defer the next IBSC meeting to February 2008. The actual venue is yet to be finalised but we have agreed to aim for an 'out of town' conference centre.

I will be making a visit to S Africa soon to finalise details and I will let you have more information as soon as it is available.

Best Practice Guidelines

The IBSC best practice guidelines for airport bird control are now complete and are attached to this e-mail as a separate document. I hope you find them useful.

Second volume of the proceedings

Anastasios is still working on the second volume of the proceedings from the Athens meeting, which have been delayed by printing problems. They will be sent out as soon as possible

Draft IBSC constitution

I must confess to having made little progress with the new IBSC constitution. Now that the venue for the next meeting is settled this is next on my list and I hope to have something positive to report in the next newsletter.

IBSC website

The renewed IBSC website is continuing to take shape. We are currently in the process of scanning in all of the past IBSC proceedings to make a searchable archive of papers presented at IBSC. The intention is to make the work of IBSC

accessible to the aviation industry as a whole and not just to the specialists who attend the meetings. We intend to have the new site live, if not fully complete, by December.

Birdstrike Committee USA/Canada

As I write this Birdstrike Committee USA/Canada is taking place in St Louis. Due to other commitments I was unable to attend, but Andy Baxter has kindly taken my place and is presenting a key paper on the IBSC best practice guidelines that will help to ensure that they are available to the widest possible audience.

ICAO IBIS Advisory Group

The Advisory Group met as planned last November and reviewed the ICAO standards and recommended practices for birdstrike prevention the supporting guidance material, and the IBIS birdstrike reporting form. Minor changes to the SARPS were suggested and considerable revisions were made to the guidance notes. These have now been finalised, and are awaiting formal approval by ICAO. The proposed new guidance incorporates substantial elements of the IBSC best practice document which will help to publicise best practice bird control around the world.

Future Meetings

Forthcoming meetings include

Airport Exchange Madrid 9-11 October

www.airport-exchange.com

Includes a session on birdstrike prevention which I will chair and also present the IBSC best practice guidelines to an audience of aviation executives.

4th International Meeting of ICAO CAR/SAM birdstrike committee 4-7 December Panama.

www.lima.icao.int

Contributions for the next newsletter

I hope to produce the next newsletter before December. 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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