

Ms. Carole Couchman, IFALPA Senior Technical Officer, recaps IFALPA's activities at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

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The fifth meeting of the ICAO Airborne Surveillance Working Group (AIRB-WG) was an interesting and well-attended meeting. There was development of ADS-B IN and OUT capabilities and applications which continues to be of high importance to IFALPA. Harmonization of all these new systems is urgently required. The planned workshop on ADS-B might be an opportunity to present the pilots' view on these developments. Further attendance will be required to try and influence developments to harmonize the further development of ADS-B procedures.

There was an unusually brief, two-day MET Panel Meeting to discuss the Space Weather centres. The main purpose of this meeting was to review the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) audit reports relating to prospective space weather information providers for international air navigation, and to recommend to the Air Navigation Commission (ANC) the optimal number of space weather information providers. There was a very detailed and professional presentation by WMO on the audit process and findings to see if those interested in providing Space weather information were in a position to do so. The Panel also reached consensus on the number of global and regional centres needed as a recommendation for the Air Navigation Commission.

IFALPA has finally been accepted as a member for the Information Management Panel (IMP) and Lauri Soini attended his first meeting as the Federation's representative during the last week of April. This ensures the pilots' perspective is heard while new provisions are developed for the management and distribution of aeronautical information. In addition, he will now be involved in a Steering Group being set up to cover NOTAMs, aeronautical charts, and aeronautical information (AIM) in System Wide Information Management (SWIM).