

ATAC 2020 SPRING EVENT

The 2020 ATAC Spring Event will be held on May 5 and 6 in Ottawa. Many activities spread over two busy days make up this important annual event, including committee meetings for Flight Operations, Technical Operations, Flight Training and Dangerous Goods. A session will also be devoted to the labour shortage in our industry. In addition, the ATAC Board of Directors will meet on the morning of May 6.

The Symposium, to be held in the afternoon of the first day, will focus on the direct short-term effects of global warming on aviation in Canada. This was the subject of an important session on the last day of ATAC's 2019 Conference in Montreal. Operators, especially those servicing Canada's northern regions, are already feeling the significant impact that global warming is having on runway surfaces and on airports in general. The symposium is open to all aviation stakeholders.

ATAC is again co-hosting, with five other national aviation associations, the increasingly popular Aviation Day-on-the-Hill Reception with Members of Parliament, Senators, and staffers at the end of the first day. Last year, Aviation Day-on-the-Hill was a resounding success with well over 40 MPs and Senators from all over Canada networking with sponsoring associations' members. This was our industry's last chance to get our message out to MPs before last fall's Election Campaign.

This year's event will be a unique opportunity to meet the new cohort of MPs and inform them of our key concerns. There are many government initiatives being considered that would have a major impact on our industry and it is our responsibility to see that politicians are well informed of our concerns before these issues are acted upon.

Go to www.atac.ca for more information on the 2020 ATAC Spring Event.

CANADIAN AVIATION SAFETY COLLABORATION FORUM 2020

This year's event was hosted by Transport Canada Civil Aviation (TCCA) in Ottawa on January 14-15. The event was well attended and included many ATAC operators. Various sessions on the agenda included important aspects of Safety Data Protection and Sharing. ATAC co-hosted a plenary panel session with the Air Canada Pilots Association (ACPA) on the subject of safety data protection and sharing with an intention of engaging with all operators and safety professionals present, as well as TCCA, to generate interest and a strong will to move forward on developing the necessary legal protections to encourage aviation safety data sharing in Canada. It was clearly identified that Canada lost much of the momentum it had in the early 2000's when Canada was looked upon internationally as a leader in aviation safety initiatives, e.g. SMS implementation within the airlines. ATAC and ACPA jointly supported this important safety initiative at the Forum and strongly encouraged TCCA and the Canadian Government to amend the Aeronautics Act as soon as possible to enshrine the necessary protection of aviation safety data. With this protection in place in Canada, we will then be able to actively encourage safety data sharing throughout the industry and thus enable and foster the resulting safety benefits across all sectors of Canadian commercial aviation.

ATAC MRO INTERNATIONAL TRADE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2020

The world's largest Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) annual tradeshow, MRO Americas 2020 will be held April 28-30 in Dallas, TX with many ATAC operators and MRO companies attending. ATAC will once again host an ATAC-Canadian MRO Alliance "Canada Showcase" booth for smaller companies wishing to have a presence on the tradeshow floor and at the same time be able to take advantage of sharing the booth and thus benefitting from much lower fees. In addition, the booth will have appropriate space to host B2B meetings. The always popular, ATAC organized, Canadian MRO Networking Event is planned for April 29.

MRO Europe 2020 will be held in Barcelona, Spain on October 27-29 where ATAC has booked excellent tradeshow space to host a large pavilion in partnership with Lockheed Martin Commercial Engine Solutions.

Please contact Les at laalders@atac.ca if you are interested in participating in either of the above ATAC International Trade Missions.

ATAC IS PROUD TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

