

# EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION



## 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Cercle National des Armées

**EALA**  
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# EUROPEAN AIR LAW ASSOCIATION (EALA) 31<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

EALA is delighted to invite you to attend its 31<sup>st</sup> annual conference, to be held in Paris, a city which has played a significant role in Europe's long history. It is known as a cultural capital of Europe; at the same time, it has been the site of political events which also affected aviation, the Treaty of Versailles of 27 June 1919 being a significant example. This treaty was followed by the conclusion of the Paris Convention Relating to the Regulation of Aerial Navigation on 13 October 1919, the first aviation agreement having a global reach. The Paris Convention was the forerunner of the Chicago Convention on international civil aviation of 1944. Hence, this year, and our next annual conference, will be marked by the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Paris Convention, and the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Chicago convention which superseded the Paris Convention. Knowingly, the Chicago Convention has 193 contracting States and is thereby the oldest most ratified convention in the world still being in force.

## EALA'S MISSION

Since 1989, EALA has arranged conferences and seminars in Europe focusing on important legal issues regarding the aviation industry. Over those 30 years EALA has gained international recognition and respect as a leading forum for the discussion of topical developments regarding aviation law, especially from a European perspective. The mission of EALA is, among other things, to:

- serve as the leading and essential association addressing the development of air law in Europe;
- ensure dissemination of information about, and the study of, air law in Europe, and
- be a forum for the exchange of views and provide an opportunity for those interested in European air law to meet each other.

## EALA'S 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's conference will focus on the following, topical themes:

- The external relations of the EU, including the enactment of a new regulation on the safeguarding of fair competition in international air transport and the EU agreements with Qatar and the Association of South Eastern Asian Nations (ASEAN). Obviously, due attention will be paid to the implications of Brexit which is expected to take place on 31 October next.
- This panel will be followed by a discussion on how to cope with the management of air traffic in Europe's airspace which is becoming ever more crowded and impacted by questions on labour arrangements, the need to align technology among stakeholders and privatisation.
- After lunch, safety in relation to automation will be discussed. Panellists will, among others, explain the enormous implications of the recent aviation tragedies involving investigations regarding certification of aircraft and liability for the compensation of damages.
- The last panel will be devoted to the organisation of infrastructure. Special attention will be paid to the use of drones near airports and airport-airlines relations in the context of envisaged privatisation plans, with special reference to the situation in France.

This topical agenda should attract all those who are involved with European and international aviation and we look forward to welcoming you in Paris.

The conference will take place at the cercle national des armées, place Saint Augustin, located in down town Paris. This elegant, inspiring and historic venue has an utterly unique atmosphere.

Traditionally, the conference will be concluded by the grant of the EALA's prizes for the two best papers which have been written by students from all over the world in the past year. After that, we shall raise a glass to what has hopefully been a successful and inspiring conference.

Please book at your earliest convenience for this interesting event organised by EALA.



Le meilleur pour tous



# PROGRAMME

## THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

**19:30**

WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER

Restaurant Maison Blanche, 5 Avenue Montaigne, 75008 Paris

## FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

CONFERENCE

Cercle National des Armées, 8 Place Saint-Augustin, 75008 Paris

**From 08:45**

REGISTRATION

**09:00 – 09:10**

WELCOME ADDRESS

[Pablo Mendes de Leon](#), president of EALA, professor of air and space law, Leiden University, Leiden

**09:10 - 09:45**

FIRST INTERVIEW

[Michel Wachenheim](#), former ambassador and permanent representative of France to ICAO, senior advisor to the CEO of Airbus Industries, Toulouse, France, interviewed by [Vincent Correia](#), professor of public law, Paris Sud University

**09:45 - 11:15**

**EU external relations**

MODERATOR

[Brian Havel](#), professor of air and space law, McGill University, Montreal

PANELLISTS

[Bertrand de Lacombe](#), director of international cooperation, Civil Aviation Authority DGAC, Paris

[Henning zur Hausen](#), general counsel and corporate secretary, Etihad Aviation Group, Abu Dhabi

[Carlos Bermejo Acosta](#), head of unit, International Transport Affairs, DG Move, EU Commission, Brussels

[Laurent Timsit](#), senior vice president, governmental & international affairs, Air France, Paris

[Fathi Aiti](#), senior vice president, aeropolitical and corporate affairs, Qatar Airways, Doha

[Conor McAuliffe](#), managing director, european affairs, United Airlines, Dublin

[Hugh O'Donovan](#), barrister, Keystone Law, London

**11:15 – 11:45**

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

**11:45 – 13:00**

**Safety of European and international civil aviation**

MODERATOR

[Laura Pierallini](#), professor of law, LUISS University, Rome, founder and name partner, Pierallini law offices, Rome

PANELLISTS

[Andrew Harakas](#), partner at Clyde & Co, New York

[Leslie MacIntosh](#), deputy general counsel, IATA, Geneva

[Kate Staples](#), general counsel and secretary, Civil Aviation Authority, London

[Julian Rotter](#), director of international affairs department, Civil Aviation Authority, Warsaw

[Arnaud Desjardin](#), regional officer, safety, ICAO, Paris

**13:00 - 14:15**

LUNCH

**14:15 - 14:45**

SECOND INTERVIEW

[Anne Marie Couderc](#), Non-executive Chair of Air France-KLM Group and of Air France Board of directors, Chair of the Nomination and Governance Committee and member of the Audit Committee interviewed by [Gregory Laville de la Plaigne](#), Clyde and Co, Paris

**14:45 - 16:00**

**Air Traffic Management in a European context**

MODERATOR

[Francis Schubert](#), deputy CEO, Skyguide Swiss Air Navigation, Geneva

PANELLISTS

[Francine Zimmermann](#), manager, innovation and digitalization ID head of strategy, policy and international affairs, the Swiss Federal Office of Civil Aviation (FOCA), Bern

[Marita Lintener](#), managing director, European Aviation Consultancy, Frankfurt am Main

[Rolf Tuchhardt](#), team leader performance team, Unit Single European Sky, European Commission

[Simon Hocquard](#), director general, Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO), Amsterdam

**16:00 - 16:20**

REFRESHMENTS | Coffee/tea break

**16:20 - 17:30**

**Infrastructure (privatization, airport charges, drones disruption of airport operation)**

MODERATOR

[Anne Hustinx](#), general counsel & company secretary, Royal Schiphol Group, Amsterdam

PANELLISTS

[Filip Cornelis](#), DG Move, European Commission, Brussels

[Isabelle Lelieur](#), partner, Chevrier Avocats, Paris

[Olivier Jankovec](#), director general, ACI Europe, Brussels

[Thomas van der Wijngaard](#), partner, Clyde & Co, London

**17:30-17:40**

**EALA Prize**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNER OF ESSAY CONTEST

by [Vincent Correia](#), chairman of EALA's academic committee

**17:40-17:45**

Closing remarks by the president of EALA [Pablo Mendes de Leon](#)

**18:00 – 20:00**

DRINKS RECEPTION

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# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

## COCKTAIL RECEPTION AND DINNER, THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Delegates, moderators and panellists are invited to drinks and dinner from 19:30 at Restaurant Maison Blanche, 15 Avenue Montaigne, 75008 Paris. If a speaker or delegate wishes to bring a companion, a payment of EUR 95 will be required.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

Cercle National des Armées, 8 place Saint Augustin, 75008 Paris.

## REGISTRATION FEE

The conference registration fee (includes attendance of sessions, conference materials, dinner, two cocktail receptions and luncheon) is EUR 700 for members and EUR 850 for non-members. The 2019 membership fee is EUR 40 for individuals and EUR 120 for companies/firms. Reduced registration fees of EUR 490 for members and EUR 595 for non-members are available for delegates from the Baltic States, Eastern Europe and the Balkan states. By special application to EALA's treasurer, a reduced registration fee of EUR 100 is available for a limited number of students.

## CANCELLATION/CHANGES

Cancellations can be accepted up to 31 October 2019, subject to a deduction of EUR 50 to cover administrative costs. Cancellations should be notified to EALA's treasurer, Nikolai Ehlers at the address provided in the registration form. The name of a registering delegate may be substituted at any time before commencement of the conference.

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

The language of the conference will be English. While every effort will be made to maintain the programme as described, EALA reserves the right to alter the content of the conference or the identity of the panelists without notice.

## ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATION

To obtain a certificate of attendance in respect of the conference, please contact Daniel Al-Saif, email [daal@gorrissenfederspiel.com](mailto:daal@gorrissenfederspiel.com).

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A limited number of rooms have been reserved at special rates at the EALA Conference Hotel. Rooms are available on a first-come, first served basis and are available for a limited time only. Please refer to booking code "EALA" when making your reservation. Better web deals may be available.

**Hôtel Bowmann** \*\*\*\*, 99 Boulevard Haussmann, 75008 Paris

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Email: [reservation@hotelbowmann.com](mailto:reservation@hotelbowmann.com)

Rate: EUR 350-380 per night

**Hôtel Villa Haussman** \*\*\*\*, 132 Boulevard Haussmann, 75008 Paris

Phone: +33 170604120

Rate: EUR 280 per night

**Hôtel Arioso** \*\*\*\*, 7 Rue d'Argenson, 75008 Paris

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Rate: EUR 178-198 per night