

INTERIM REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT CAR/SAM FOR 2017

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1. GENERAL

This year of 2017, the CAR/SAM region held important discussions towards safety, optimization in aviation, political and government issues. The support of the Regional Vice Presidents and their teams were vital to introduce CAR/SAM into those important global debates.

At the last meeting of the Sub Region Caribbean – East, in Jamaica, where flight time was discussed, all its Member Associations unanimously expressed their willingness to leave the CAR/SAM Regional Group to go to NAM Regional Group. We notice that this desire is legitimate, and we do not oppose it. Actually, the Caribbean-East sub region needs to accelerate its development, and as the last conference in Montreal, NAM Regional Group offered all the support, it seemed quite interesting and understandable the decision of this Member Associations.

Between September 29 and October 2, I visited Colombia, supporting ACDAC (Colombia MA) during the strike of Avianca's pilots. The strike lasted more than 40 days and is already one of the longest in aviation history, having already seriously affected the Colombian economy, causing millionaire losses to Avianca. The fact is that it did not compensate for the company to have maintained an attitude so ignorant, of no negotiation, since what the pilots plead is something quite fair.

Moreover, I had meetings with the Brazilian Air Space Control Department (DECEA), where we worked to redesign the São Paulo Terminal.

2. MEETINGS ATTENDED

February - 49th IFALPA Executive Board Meeting in Paris.

March - ICAO Council Session on Aviation in Quito.

May - IFALPA Annual Conference in Montreal.
-IFALPA Meeting in Beijing.

June - PGA Committee Meeting in Auckland.

July - 53^o Executive Board Meeting in Montreal.

September - ICAO SAM ATSRO/8 Meeting in Lima.

October – Workshop in São Paulo - Planning Of Airspace, TMA-SP, Preliminary Work Program. I gave then a lecture on “Lessons learned in the use of PBN in airspace design”.

3. NEXT MEETINGS

- November** - IFALPA PGA Committee Meeting in Istanbul.
- CHALPA Meeting in Shanghai.
- IFALPA CAR/SAM Regional Meeting in Veracruz, Mexico.

4. CONCLUSION

During the year of 2017, I participated in several meetings in South America and around the world. I have been working in discussion regarding open skies in Brazil, the total opening of the capital of national companies to foreign ones and other issues. For the next year, I plan to continue visiting CAR/SAM area. The purpose is still to work with all the region team in order to enhance the partnership, sharing studies and experience.

It is necessary to fight so that in the region there is no setback in labour rights and that our fair guidelines continue to be discussed, even when there are powerful governments and airlines fighting against our rights and being irreducible in any labour negotiations, like happened in Colombia recently.