



# NORTH AMERICA/CENTRAL EUROPE AIRPORT ISSUES CONFERENCE

October 21-23, 2024 / Athens, Greece

**Hosted by Athens Airport  
October 21-23 | The Royal Olympic Hotel**

**Meeting # 241011**

*All events will be held in Olympia Hall unless otherwise noted*

## AGENDA

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

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| 8 a.m.-2 p.m.         | Conference Registration  | <i>Olympia Hall foyer</i>  |
| 9:30-11 a.m.          | IAAE Board Meeting   | <i>Attica Hall</i>         |
| 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. | Special Activity for Foreign Airports ( <i>Closed Event</i> )  | <i>Attica Hall</i>         |
| 12:30-3:30 p.m.       | City Tour: Acropolis Mythology & Culinary Experience<br><i>Immerse yourself in Athens' rich history with a guided tour of the Acropolis, followed by a culinary exploration of local flavors.</i><br><b><i>Sponsored by Rhode Island Airport Corporation and co-sponsored by Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., ACE, IACE, Past Chair AAAE and Principal, JMOlivier LLC</i></b> | <i>Meet in hotel lobby</i> |
| 5:30-6:30 p.m.        | Opening Reception<br><b><i>Sponsored by San Francisco International Airport (SFO)</i></b>  | <i>Roof Garden</i>         |

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

7 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration *Olympia Hall foyer*

7:45-8:30 a.m. Networking Breakfast *Olympia Hall foyer*  
*Sponsored by United Airlines*

8:30-8:50 a.m. Welcome and Conference Overview

Heba Gouda  
Vice President, Global Operations  
American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE)

Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E., IAAE Chair  
Chief Finance and Commercial Officer  
San Francisco International Airport

Dr. Yiannis Paraschis  
Managing Director ( CEO )  
Athens International Airport

Christos Tsitouras  
Director General  
Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA)

Riccardo Lambiris  
Member of the Organizing Committee IAAE and  
Former Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Athens International Airport

8:50-9 a.m. **Keynote Address**

H.E. Anna-Karine Asselin  
Canadian Ambassador to Greece

Maria Olson  
Chargé d'affaires  
U.S. Embassy, Athens

9-9:15 a.m.

**Global Aviation Outlook**

Speaker:

Gonzalo Velasco  
Director, Aviation Matters  
Steer Infrastructure and Asset Advisory  
Steer Group

9:15-10:15 a.m.

**SESSION 1: Aviation, Tourism and the Regional Airports** *Join us for an informative session for developing airport infrastructure to serve tourism or develop tourism as an industry, including an analysis of the economic impact of aviation on tourism.*

Moderator:

Matija Bračić  
Assistant Professor  
Head of Laboratory for Modelling and Simulation  
in Aviation / Air Traffic Management  
University of Zagreb

Speakers:

Ioanna Papadopoulou  
Director Communications & Marketing  
Athens International Airport

Perry J. Miller, Ph.D., A.A.E., I.A.P., *AAAE First Past Chair*  
President and CEO  
Richmond International Airport

Grzegorz Bykowski  
Chief Executive Officer  
Poznan Lawica Airport

George Vilos  
Executive Director of Commercial and Business Development  
Fraport Regional Airports of Greece Management Company

10:15-10:45 a.m. **Coffee/Networking Break** *Olympia Hall foyer*  
*Sponsored by Michael Baker International*

**SESSION 2: Environmental Sustainability** *The Environmental Sustainability session, parts 1 and 2, will focus on addressing the most critical environmental challenges facing the aviation industry today. It aims to explore innovative strategies and best practices for promoting sustainability in airline operations and airport infrastructure development.*

10:45-11:30 a.m. **Part 1: Airline Sustainability Issues** *Part 1 will address topics such as carbon neutrality targets, Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAFs), electrification and hybridization, sustainable procurement practices, and circular economy initiatives.*

Moderator: Dr. Kostas Iatrou  
Director General  
Hermes - Air Transport Organization

Speakers: Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E.  
Chief Finance and Commercial Officer  
San Francisco International Airport

Gregoire James  
Commercial Director  
International Aviation Waste Management Associations. (IAWMA)

Marina Spyridaki  
Corporate Affairs Manager  
AEGEAN Airlines

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **Part 2: Airport Sustainability Issues** *Part 2 will address topics such as net-zero airport infrastructure, sustainable terminal design, green ground operations, biodiversity conservation, and resilience and climate adaptation.*

Moderator: David Full, AICP  
Vice President, Aviation Environmental Service Group  
RS&H

Speakers: Dr. Guillaume Burghouwt  
Head of Strategy  
Amsterdam Airport Schiphol

Emmanouil Moustakas  
General Director of Business Development and Executive  
GEK TERNA Group of Companies

Josip Klišmanić  
General Manager  
Zadar Airport, Croatia

Tonci Peovic, MBA IAP  
Consultant  
Dubrovnik Airport, Croatia

12:15-12:30 p.m. **Competency Building Service**

Speaker : Tonci Peovic, MBA IAP  
Consultant  
Dubrovnik Airport, Croatia

12:30-1:30 p.m. Networking Luncheon *Kalliroe Hall*  
***Sponsored by Birmingham Airport Authority***

1:30-2:30 p.m. **SESSION 3 — Navigating the Future of Urban Air Mobility**  
*This discussion will focus on the forefront of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), with a special lens on Urban Air Mobility (UAM) and its seamless meld into urban infrastructures. Leveraging the insights from Paris's air mobility endeavor during the Olympics, this session will aim to dissect the initial flight ventures and the successful strategies that marked their integration. The dialogue will navigate through the multifaceted challenges and vast opportunities that UAM presents, spanning technological, regulatory, logistical, and environmental domains. The session is crafted to equip*

*aviation professionals with an in-depth understanding of how urban landscapes can evolve to accommodate this innovative mode of transport, emphasizing efficiency, safety, and sustainability in the aerial domain.*

Moderator: Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E.  
Chief Financial and Commercial Officer  
San Francisco International Airport

Speakers: Tomislav Lang  
Managing Director  
Flyvbird

Wendy L. O'Connor  
Executive Director of Advanced Air Mobility Integration  
U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Matija Bračić  
Assistant Professor  
Head of Laboratory for Modelling and Simulation  
in Aviation / Air Traffic Management  
University of Zagreb

Verity Richardson  
Director, Business Development  
Archer Aviation

2:30-3:30 p.m. **SESSION 4: Navigating the Path to Privatization** *This session will provide a comprehensive examination of the current trends, challenges, and opportunities surrounding airport privatization initiatives in both regions. We will explore the unique regulatory, economic, and operational considerations relevant to airport privatization efforts, with a focus on fostering dialogue and sharing insights among stakeholders from Central Europe and North America.*

Moderator: Paul Hollingshead  
Vice President, International Strategic Partnerships  
S2 Global, Inc. - Sister company Rapiscan Systems

Speakers: Rick S. Crider, A.A.E., *AAAE Chair*  
Airport Director  
Prescott Regional Airport/Ernest A Love Field

Riccardo Lambiris  
Former Chairman of the Board  
Athens Airport

Crawford Burden  
Managing Director, Global Aviation, Europe and India  
AECOM

Teta Karachaliou  
Corporate Planning Director  
International Airport Heraklion Crete Airport

3:30-3:45p.m. **Networking Coffee Break** *Olympia Hall foyer*

3:45-4:45 p.m. One-on-One Meetings

Organizations hosting tables:

- Department of Commerce, Greece
- Commercial Service, Croatia
- Department of Homeland Security, Greece
- Department of State, Greece
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Transportation Security Administration- Embassy of the United States of America – Warsaw, Poland
- TSA Area Representative Belarus – Bulgaria - Estonia – Latvia – Lithuania – Moldova – Poland – Romania - Russia – Ukraine
- Commercial Service, Embassy of Canada, Greece
- U.S. Federal Aviation Administration

6:30-9:30 p.m. **Host Dinner at the Acropolis Museum with a View**  
*(Dress code: Smart casual attire)*  
***Sponsored by Athens International Airport***

*Welcome Remarks*

Michail Kefalogiannis, Chairperson of Athens International Airport's Board of Directors

Kevin Bumen, A.A.E., C.A.E., IAAE Chair

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.      Registration      *Olympia Hall foyer*

8-8:30 a.m.      Networking Breakfast and Keynote Speaker      *Olympia Hall foyer  
and Olympia Hall*

Keynote Speaker:      Dr. Debora Cazzani, Marketing & Export Manager, MC Solutions  
***Sponsored MC Solutions & Marcos Costilla Aviation Consulting Group LLC***

8:30-9:30 a.m.      **SESSION 5: Mastering Aviation's Regulatory Landscape** *This session will focus on the dynamic regulatory landscape governing the aviation sector, providing attendees with essential updates on regulatory frameworks and compliance requirements. With a spotlight on harmonization efforts within the European Union and the United States, this session aims to explore the complexities of regulatory compliance and its impact on airlines and airports. Participants will gain valuable insights into the latest regulatory developments, challenges, and opportunities shaping the aviation industry.*

Moderator:      Wendy L. O'Connor  
Executive Director of Advanced Air Mobility Integration  
U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)



Speakers: Pepi Lykou  
General Director Economic Oversight  
Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA)

Nicholas Robinson  
Associate Assistant Deputy Minister (AsADM) of Safety and Security  
Transport Canada

9:30-10:30 a.m.

**SESSION 6: Airfield and Airspace Safety Management: Innovations and Collaborations**

*During this wide-ranging session, we will delve into critical safety issues and advancements in both airfield and airspace management within the aviation industry. Attendees will gain insights into the challenges, innovations, and collaborative efforts aimed at improving safety and efficiency in airfield operations and airspace management. With a focus on technological advancements and cross-border collaboration, this session aims to foster discussions on the modernization of airfield and airspace management systems and the promotion of seamless operations.*

Moderator: Jeff Mulder, A.A.E., IAAE Past Chair  
Airports Director  
Will Rogers World Airport (Oklahoma City, Okla.)

Speakers: Michael Meyers, P.E.  
Manager of the Airport Engineering Division  
Office of Airport Safety and Standards  
U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Irakli Karkashadze  
CEO  
United Airports of Georgia

Marcos Costilla  
President and CEO  
Marcos Costilla Aviation Consulting Group LLC

Debora Cazzani  
Marketing and Export Manager  
MC Solutions S.r.l.

10:30-11 a.m.      Networking Coffee Break      *Olympia Hall foyer*  
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11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.    **SESSION 7: Enhancing Aviation Security - Strategies for Cyber Resilience and Collaborative Security**  
*This session will focus on the critical aspects of aviation security and cybersecurity, addressing the evolving threats and challenges faced by the industry. Attendees will explore measures to enhance aviation security in the region and the States, with a particular emphasis on cybersecurity challenges in air transportation. The session will also highlight collaborative efforts aimed at fostering a secure aviation environment through information sharing, partnership building, and technological innovation.*

Moderator:      Jeanne Olivier, A.A.E., ACE, IACE  
Airport Management Advisor

Speaker:      Brian Krenzien  
Senior TSA Official Operating in Eastern Europe  
Direct representative to the TSA Administrator and Attaché  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Lance Lyttle, IAP  
Managing Director, Aviation  
Port of Seattle, USA

Darren Large, A.A.E  
Director, Facilities & Operations  
Morristown (N.J.) Airport

Vangelis Morfis  
Security Go-To-Market Manager, Enterprise, Cyber, and Electromagnetic  
Activities  
Microsoft

Tomasz Majewski  
Director, the International Sales  
Hertz New Technologies

Paul Hollingshead  
Vice President, International Strategic Partnerships  
S2 Global, Inc – Sister of Rapiscan

Arnaud Laroche  
West Europe Sales Manager, Security Enterprise Solutions (SES)  
Leidos

Tim Stelkens-Kobsch  
Aviation Security Researcher, Project Manager  
Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter bei DLR (German Aerospace Center)

12:30-1 p.m.

**SESSION 8: Synergies in the Sky - Reinventing Aviation through Collaborative Dynamics** *How we deal with different passenger trends, concession impact, efficiencies with ANSPs, integrated and dynamic aviation system can reduce carbon emissions.*

Moderator: Ronald F. Mathieu, C.M.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Birmingham Airport Authority

Speakers: Olga Toki  
Air Traffic Controller  
Vice President of the Board, GATCA  
Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA)  
Greece

Dario Vrancic  
Head of Air Traffic Services (ATS), Air Traffic Controller, Instructor, Assessor  
BHANSA

1-1:30 p.m.      **SESSION 9: Reenergizing Talent in the Airport Sector:**– *Explore the Challenges and opportunities, focusing on the trend of people leaving the workforce and the imperative to engage younger generations. address the evolving needs and expectations of the workforce. Share success stories, from both sides of the pond!*

Moderator:      Riccardo Lambiris  
Former Chairman of the Board  
Athens International Airport

Speakers:      Mark D. VanLoh, A.A.E.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Prof. Dr. Andreas Papatheodorou, FHEA, FTS  
Director, Laboratory of Tourism Transport, Infrastructure and Destination  
Development and Board Member  
Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (HCAA)

1:30 p.m.      Conference Adjournment and invitation to the 2025 conference

1:30-2:30 p.m.      **Networking Luncheon**      *Kalliroe Hall*  
*Sponsored by Jacksonville Aviation Authority*

2:30-5 p.m.      Athens International Airport Tour      *Meet in hotel lobby*