

IARO October 2017 Members Newsletter

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1. Report of 14th IARO Workshop: Bergamo Airport - 25 & 26 September 2017 – Still time to register

Paul Le Blond reports on the 14th IARO Workshop held in Bergamo and Milan last week:

- A total of 25 delegates convened in Milan and Bergamo on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 September, for the 14th IARO Workshop, covering developments in rail access at Malpensa and Bergamo Airports.
- The meeting started with a visit to the new Malpensa Terminal 2 Station which opened in December 2016. The rail link had been extended by 3 km from Terminal 1 and the new station has four platforms, designed to enable a later extension to create a ring line through the Airport. During construction, a number of historic artefacts were discovered and some of these will be displayed in the station hall.
- Participants rode on the Malpensa Express to Milan Centrale Station where there was a guided tour of the magnificent marble halls and a view inside the Kings Room, originally built for (but rarely used by) the Italian royal family. The tour then continued to Bergamo Airport, where delegates went up the control tower for a superb view over the airport.
- In the evening, SACBO (the owners and operators of Bergamo Airport) hosted a dinner in the rooftop restaurant of the San Marco Hotel, with another superb view, this time of the old walled city of Bergamo.
- The workshop took place at Bergamo Airport and opened with a welcome from the Mayor of Bergamo and the Airport Managing Director. The morning sessions concentrated on developments in the Lombardy Region beginning with Emira Lanari from the Lombardy Regional Government who gave an overview of road, rail and airport plans. Franciso Mstrini of SACBO, Giulio De Carli from One Works and Luca Bassani from RFI (the National Rail Infrastructure Manager) then gave more details of the Airport Master Plan and the options for a rail link to the Airport and improvements to the local rail network, including indications of possible service patterns.
- ICCSAI's Renato Redoni then introduced Sebastian Birolini whose research had developed a model for estimating rail share based on surveys of passenger behaviour. The morning session was completed by Andrew Sharp, IARO's Policy Advisor, who described a number of examples of different types of air rail links from around the world, including Medan in Indonesia which he had recently visited; and Montreal in Canada which he had studied for the Airport.

- After lunch, Fraser Brown, Heathrow Express Business Lead and Director (and current IARO President) described how Heathrow Express is dealing with changing markets, in particular with competition from Uber. Andy Saunders from the Manchester Airports Group described the current and future situations at Manchester Airport and how they plan to increase the rail and other public transport mode share and reduce private car and taxi activity. Finally, Martin Braun of IATA gave an airline perspective by giving an overview of the current airline sector and a reminder of why airlines' views should be taken into account when planning air rail links.
- Our thanks to SACBO and SEA for arranging and hosting this excellent workshop which, as usual, enabled delegates to meet and learn from examples around the world.

2. ...view the Photo Gallery and download the PDFs

- Members may download the presentations made in Bergamo from the Members Zone of the IARO website (login/password required)
- To view a photo gallery of the event, click [HERE](#)

3. “A Worldwide Review of Air-Rail” - Updated IARO Report published

- The IARO has published its latest Report, “A Worldwide Review of Air-Rail”, a comprehensive Survey of air-rail links around the world. The Report gives a very clear indication of the worldwide scale and growth of the air-rail link sector. Over 150 airports - including most of the world's largest - are served by rail. Some have more than one link, so that there are over 200 existing air rail links listed in the Survey. Over 80 more have rail links under construction or well advanced in their planning. (The Report does not include airports where rail links are at feasibility study stage).
- Written by IARO Past-President and Board Member Paul Le Blond, this report uses information from the IARO database, from other IARO sources, from websites and from personal visits, discussions and experience. Data given is as up to date as possible. Fares are given as the standard class, one way, peak time fares but there almost always discounts available. Journey times and frequencies are given as weekday mid morning but may vary at other times. The report seeks to describe many of the air rail links from all around the world, but may not cover every location.
- The report describes air/rail links by country, with each chapter covering a world region. The descriptions of the airports and their rail links give an indication that there are many types of air rail link, serving airports of all sizes. It is also clear from work by IARO members that there is no simple formula for deciding which is the 'best' type of air rail link and that every circumstance is likely to be different. Nevertheless, there is a range of solutions available for those embarking on a project.
- The information in this report also indicates that those with established air rail links can look to improving them, increase market share, ridership and revenue, to match the world class performance of some of the links. Hints are given in the boxes marked as best practice. Lessons can also be learned from those that are not so successful, noting the features to be avoided.
- IARO Members may download the Report free-of-charge. The cost for non-Members is £250. Further information from patrick.hicks@iaro.com

4. Date for your Diary: 3rd Workshop of 2017 – Frankfurt, 29/30 November

- The 15th IARO Workshop will be hosted by Frankfurt Airport on Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 November 2017
- The meeting will include an inspection of the construction site of the new Terminal 3 at Frankfurt Airport and the area for the planned passenger transport system. Conference Sessions on Day 2 will relate to Frankfurt Airport Developments, with contributions from Fraport, Lufthansa and DB.
- As at all IARO Workshops, participation is free-of-charge for IARO Members, with a registration fee for non-Members.
- Further information and provisional agenda will be published later this month.

5. View the Video Presentation - “What do good air-rail links look like?”

- Andrew Sharp (IARO Policy Advisor) gave a presentation at the London Workshop in May entitled “What do good air-rail links look like?”
- To view the presentation (with commentary) click [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=InBI6c02cg)
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6. IARO Express – your contributions are welcome

- The weekly IARO Express continues to generate considerable interest.
- Members are reminded that they can access back issues from the website.
- And they are invited to contribute news of their organisation’s plans and activities in the weekly IARO Express. Photos are always welcome.

Further information

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