

## Press Release – November 2017

### 116<sup>th</sup> IATP Conference in Shenyang, P.R. China on October 14-18, 2017: Highlights

The 116<sup>th</sup> IATP Conference, hosted by China Southern Airlines and supported by Guangzhou Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Co., Ltd. (GAMECO), was held at Shangri-La Hotel Shenyang, from October 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

During the conference, more than 1,200 meetings were scheduled among the 400 representatives from 106 Airline Members, 33 Associate Members, and various authorized vendors. The goal was to identify new pooling opportunities and/or negotiate terms and conditions of pooling contracts for the forthcoming season. The participants also had the opportunity to attend sessions aimed at providing updates about IATP pooling activities and the aviation industry in general.

#### Conference highlights:

- Three Airlines joined IATP as Members; we warmly welcome TAAG Angolan Airlines (DT), Xiamen Airlines (MF), and Peach Aviation (MM). Two Suppliers also joined the organization as Associate Members; welcome to Safe Fuel Systems and Thales.
- China Southern Airlines Executive Vice-President, Mr. Li Tongbin, and Senior Management attended the conference and shared the latest and greatest updates on Chinese aviation industry.
- Mr. Tang Jin, Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) Northeast Regional Administration Deputy Director-General, attended the Opening session and delivered an inspiring speech. IATP looks forward to possible cooperation opportunities.
- The Management Committee met not only Mr. Wang Guangsheng, Vice Mayor of Shenyang Municipal People's Government, but also Mrs. Cao Xiaoling, Mr. Wang Weihua and Mr. Tian Jia, from the Shenyang Aviation Industry Group, Liaoning Airport Management Group, and Shenyang Economic & Information Technology Commission respectively. Shenyang's future development, especially the expansion of aviation-related activities, was discussed.
- The participants were pleased to know that, based on IATP Members' recommendations, IATA AGSA Technical Group voted in favour of the removal of any reference to Service Level Agreements (SLA) in SGHA maintenance contracts.



The participants enjoyed the social events organized after the business days as it enabled them to do some networking and expand their contacts. The cultural performances arranged by China Southern Airlines during the Gala dinner were highly appreciated by the participants.

The next IATP Conference will be held from March 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in Riga, Latvia.

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#### The IATP Mission Statement

*The IATP is a convention of Airlines sharing Technical Resources to generate economic savings and support on time dispatch reliability and operational safety. The IATP is a non-profit, independent, non-political global organization based on a democratic culture with equal opportunities for all member Airlines and their delegates.*

*Technical Resources includes, but not limited to, aircraft spare parts, line maintenance, ground handling equipment, aircraft recovery kits and technical training.*

#### About IATP

Today IATP counts 109 airline members and 35 associate members (service providers and OEM) and operate worldwide in about 900 stations; pooling activities cover almost all aircraft types.

All member airlines meet twice per year at conferences held in March and October in different countries.

The organization is managed by the member airlines through the elected Management Committee. The operations are coordinated by a Corporate Office based in Luxembourg.