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The 133rd IATP Conference in St. Julian's, Malta

The 133rd IATP Conference was successfully held at the InterContinental Hotel in St. Julian's, Malta, bringing together more than 500 delegates representing airlines, associate members, and industry vendors from around the world.

The conference once again provided a valuable platform for collaboration, operational discussions, and strengthening partnerships across the global aviation technical community.

Over the course of the event, participants held approximately 2,300 scheduled B2B meetings, where airlines and partners discussed and finalized cooperation agreements covering spare parts support, aircraft recovery, ground equipment, engines, and line maintenance arrangements for the upcoming operational seasons.



The Chairperson of IATP, Mr. Essam Hanafy (MS) welcomes the IATA Director Tech Ops, Mr. Stuart Fox for his speech at the 133rd IATP Conference

Representatives from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) also attended the conference. Mr. Stuart Fox, IATA Technical Operations Director, and Mrs. Irina Khomenko, Manager Operational Efficiency, Technical Operations at IATA, attended the event and participated in discussions with IATP leadership and members regarding potential future synergies and collaboration opportunities between the two organizations.

A key topic during the conference was the progress of the **APU Pool Project**, which was reviewed by members and received strong interest. IATP is currently exploring the possibility of launching the APU pool by the next IATP conference, further expanding the organization's pooling initiatives.

The conference also featured the popular **AOG Speed Meetings**, which once again generated strong engagement among participants, enabling airlines to rapidly connect and discuss urgent operational support capabilities.

In preparation for upcoming digital developments, two dedicated sessions were organized to familiarize delegates with the **new IATP platform**, which will be launched soon. These sessions provided attendees with an early insight at the system's features and capabilities designed to enhance communication, coordination, and operational efficiency among members.

Membership Growth

One new airline joined the IATP network during the conference: AIRZETA (KJ).

Observer Participation

Six airlines attended the conference as Observers, expressing interest in future IATP membership. Their participation highlights the growing global interest in joining the IATP network.



The high level of participation at the 133rd IATP Conference demonstrated the aviation industry's strong commitment to collaboration, underscoring the essential role IATP plays in maintaining operational resilience in an increasingly complex global environment. Over the past decade, IATP has grown from 103 to 141 Member Airlines, reflecting the industry's continued trust in the organization as a platform for technical cooperation and mutual support. Today, the IATP network includes 191 airlines in total, including Equalized and Guest airlines. The number of Associate Members has also increased from 31 to 45.

IATP extends its sincere appreciation to all members, associate members and sponsors who contributed to a productive and successful event in Malta.

The next IATP Conference will be held in **Guangzhou, China, from 10–14 October 2026**, where the organization looks forward to welcoming its global membership once again.

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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, engines, aircraft recovery kits and technical training.

About IATP

Today IATP counts 141 airline members and 45 associate members (OEMs and service providers) and operates 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 run by a Management Board, supported by a Corporate Office based in Luxembourg, and overseen by the member airlines through the elected Advisory Committee.