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## ATA Migrations v2010\_19 (June 4, 2010)

### NEW MEMBERS AND ANIMAL ATTENDANTS

ATA has no new members at this time.

### TRANSPORTATION TIDBITS

#### What is happening at Air France-KLM?

It is interesting to compare the April cargo traffic reports from AIR FRANCEKLM and LUFTHANSA, two of the world's biggest cargo carriers.

- LUFTHANSA CARGO reported April cargo traffic up 25.3% to 647 million RTKs, and said the four-day closure of the European sky due to a volcanic ash cloud had no impact. In fact, as in March, Lufthansa Cargo's April traffic was above pre-crisis levels of early 2008. For the first four months of 2010, Lufthansa Cargo's traffic was up 22.9% to 2.61 billion RTKs.
- AIR FRANCE-KLM reported April cargo traffic down 2.0% y-o-y to 865 million RTKs, *blaming the ash cloud for the drop*. However, as bad as a 2% decline in cargo traffic may be, AF-KL's passenger business was hit much harder by the shutdown, with total passenger traffic down 15.9% for the month. As the carrier points out, cargo can wait in storage for shipment a few days later, but passengers cannot. Since April is the first month of AF-KLM's fiscal year, the year-to-date total is the same as the monthly total.

[Source: [Cargo Facts](#)]

#### US-based ACMI lessor WORLD AIRWAYS signed an agreement to operate a 747-400 freighter for Luxembourg-based

**all-cargo carrier CARGOLUX** for the nine-month period October 2010 through June 2011. The move comes as Cargolux finds itself caught between the sale of five 747-400Fs from its existing fleet, and the delayed delivery of the first freighters in its 13-unit 747-8F order with BOEING. Cargolux agreed to deliver two 747-400Fs to UPS in 2009, with the second two now to follow in 2011, and one 747-400F to Azerbaijan-based SILKWAY AIRLINES in October 2010, in the expectation that they would be replaced more or less one-for-one by the 747-8Fs. With the delay in the 747-8F delivery schedule, Cargolux leased-in 747-200F lift from AIR ATLANTA last year, but with demand continuing to increase the carrier is now turning to World to replace the freighter that will be delivered to Silkway in October. For its part, World operates two 747-400BCFs and nine MD-11Fs.

[Source: [Cargo Facts](#)]

## American Airlines traffic up 4.1%

American Airlines' passenger traffic was up 4.1 percent in May. The airline's load factor — or percentage of seats filled with paying passengers — rose 3.6 points to 82.8 percent.

American's traffic figure, which is measured in revenue passenger miles, hit 10.8 billion in May, up from 10.3 billion revenue passenger miles a year earlier.

The Fort Worth-based airline saw domestic traffic rise 1.4 percent year-over-year, while international traffic jumped 8.8 percent over May 2009.

American's regional affiliate **American Eagle** also saw its traffic jump 5.8 percent, with the airline flying 728 million passengers miles, up from 688 million a year earlier.

American Eagle had a load factor of 74 percent last month, slightly up over last year.

During the month of May, 1.6 million passengers boarded American Eagle planes, while American jets carried 7.4 million passengers.

[Source:<http://dallas.bizjournals.com>]

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## NEWS

1. A link to the speaker presentations from the 2010 International Symposium on Beef Cattle Welfare hosted by the Beef Cattle Institute at Kansas State University on May 19 -21st. [http://www.api-virtuallibrary.com/meetings\\_other\\_news.html](http://www.api-virtuallibrary.com/meetings_other_news.html)

### 2. The HSUS Releases Statement on Minnesota Horse Slaughter Resolution

AgClips, May 20, 2010

The Humane Society of the United States is releasing the following statement opposing Minnesota S.F. 133, a resolution that urges Congress to oppose the Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act, federal legislation that would prohibit the transport and slaughter of American horses across international borders for human consumption:

Author/Organization: Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) Publication year: 2010 Where: United States of America Topics: horses, cruelty to animals

[Source:<http://www.fao.org/ag/againfo/themes/animal-welfare/aw-docum/search/detail/en/item/41291/icode/>]

### 3. Eye tests of cattle may help detect mad cow disease

AgClips, June 3, 2010

A peek into the eyes of cattle may become the basis for a long-sought test to detect infection with the agent that causes Mad Cow Disease, say scientists.

That test could help prevent the disease from spreading in the food supply.

Jacob Petrich and colleagues note that the human form of Mad Cow Disease is linked to eating beef from animals infected with abnormal proteins called prions implicated in a range of brain diseases.

Scientists are trying to develop tests to detect infected cattle before they enter the food supply.

Past studies suggest that chemical changes in an animal's retina, the light sensitive nerve tissue in the back of the eye, may provide a basis for detecting prion diseases.

The scientists showed that retinas of sheep infected with scrapie, a disease similar to Mad Cow Disease, emit a characteristic glow when examined with a beam of light from a special instrument.

They suggest that eye tests based on the finding could become important in the future for fast, inexpensive diagnosis of prion diseases and other neurological diseases.

[Source: <http://sify.com/news/eye-tests-of-cattle-may-help-detect-mad-cow-disease-news-scitech-kgdoOjaidfb.html>]

#### **4. OIE adopts Strategic Plan for animal health and welfare**

World Poultry, June 4, 2010

The Delegates of the 176 OIE Members adopted the 5th Strategic Plan, which sets a roadmap for OIE global missions in animal health and welfare over the years 2011-2015.

The Plan sets new fields of action for the organisation: More activities directed to food security, poverty alleviation and animal health and veterinary public health; more focus on the "One Health" concept and other matters of cooperation with partner organisations; the impact of climate and environmental changes on animal disease emergence and occurrence as well as the impact of animal production on climate change.

The Plan also provides for a continuation of priorities emphasized in the previous Plans, in particular the 4th Strategic Plan (2006-2010): communicating international animal disease and zoonoses information globally; development and implementation of scientifically -based standards and guidelines; prevention, control and eradication methods of animal diseases including zoonoses; compliance with the Good Governance concepts and capacity building for national Veterinary Services; strengthening the Organisation's influence on policy design, applied research and governance; communicating OIE information.

For leading the implementation of the new Plan, the World Assembly of Delegates renewed its trust in Dr Bernard Vallat and elected him by secret ballot for a third 5-year mandate as Director General of the OIE.

[Source: <http://www.worldpoultry.net>]

#### **5. Airships back on the map**

Air World Cargo, June 4, 2010

Airships could soon be carrying payloads of up to 50 tonnes, opening the prospect of moving project cargo quickly and cost-effectively into remote terrain.

US-based E-Green Technologies will make a test flight this summer of what it claims is the world's largest inflatable.

The company's Bullet 580 airship, measuring 235ft long and 65ft in diameter, went through an on-ground trial inflation last month at the Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, Alabama. This craft is limited to payloads of seven tonnes at low altitude and can lift around one tonne to 20,000ft, making it mostly suitable for tasks such as weather, airspace or maritime surveillance and geophysical surveys.

Mike Lawson, chief executive of E-Green Technologies (EGT), said the airship could keep an eye on oil spills like the one in the Gulf of Mexico, or monitor pirate activity in shipping lanes. It is also envisioned as a near-space communications and missile defense warning satellite.

"The initial airship will fly under an experimental airworthiness certificate this summer followed by a full certificate," Lawson told Air Cargo World. "We have full production capacity and are negotiating multiple opportunities globally."

Lawson said that in an expanded 326ft version, the airship could carry 50-tonne loads or 75 passengers. Operating speed is up to 80mph.

The initiative follows EGT's acquisition of 21st Century Airships, one of the world's premier airship research and development companies, in November 2009. EGT has already built and flown 14 prototypes, but the Bullet 580 is the first designed for commercial operation.

Helium-filled bags provide lift, while the inner hull is full of ambient air. The Kevlar outer skin is just one-sixteenth of an inch thick, yet is said to be 10 times stronger than steel. EGT says the airship can be powered by algae-derived biofuel, underlining its environmental credentials.

The craft can be flown with a crew or remotely, and will sell for \$8 million. Lawson said the company will build a fleet for leasing at a cost of \$300,000 to \$500,000 per month.

Commercial production is expected to create hundreds of jobs for textile workers in Alabama, as well as aerospace and aviation roles in Central Florida and Northern California, the likely main operational centers.

Florida's Kennedy Spaceport, which will fall largely idle after the space shuttles are retired, is looking to partner with commercial operators and will be the probable takeoff point for the airship's first mission later this year, measuring soil moisture content in a joint project between NASA and Old Dominion University.

[Source:<http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

## **6. AirBaltic on the march**

Air Cargo World, June 4, 2010

Fast expanding East European airline airBaltic has increased its flights to Ireland from four to nine per week, with services from Dublin to Riga (Latvia) and four to Vilnius (Lithuania).

All flights utilise B737 aircraft with up to 1,200kg capacity, and late evening departures combine with early morning arrivals and fast connections to provide agents

with next day deliveries throughout many European destinations.

Riga, Kiev and Helsinki are proving particularly popular among airBaltic's 68 destinations, according to IAM, the carrier's Irish cargo GSSA. Ian McCool, MD of IAM, said: "AirBaltic's operation is ideal for the pharma-dominated Irish market. We have frequent services, and good onward connections to a large number of key European destinations."

AirBaltic was recently awarded a contract by the Irish Post Office (An Post) to Riga, Tallinn and Vilnius.

The carrier, which operates a 31-strong fleet, launched twice-weekly services from its main Riga hub to Beirut and to Amman at the start of June, as well as four services a week from Riga to Madrid. It has also opened a base in Tallinn, Estonia, giving it bases in all three Baltic capitals.

From Tallinn, the airline links Riga, Vilnius, Stockholm and the four Finnish destinations of Turku, Lappeenranta, Tampere and Oulu.

[Source:<http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

## **7. Stobart loses air hub appeal**

Air Cargo World, June 4, 2010

UK transport group Stobart has had planning approval to develop Carlisle Airport in Northern England overturned in the appeal court.

Historically a road haulage company, Eddie Stobart, the ambitious group has built interests in rail transport and shipping terminals, and owns Southend Airport in Southeast England as well as Carlisle.

Stobart acquired the former military base at Carlisle four years ago and wanted to develop it for scheduled air operations, storage and distribution, as well as moving its headquarters there. But, following an appeal by a local farmer, the court ruled that the city council should have carried out a full environmental impact assessment before approving the plan.

An original £35 million (\$51 million) redevelopment proposal included a new runway, hangars, terminal, offices and warehousing, but would have been subject to a public inquiry. Stobart instead submitted a scaled-down proposal that involved merely "improving" the runway and with a smaller main building.

The group won planning permission for this in December 2009 and construction was scheduled to start immediately.

Opponents however claimed the airport plan was just a front for a distribution centre, which was inappropriate for the airport. In any case, they argued, overflying aircraft would impact on local residents, a view shared by the three appeal judges.

Andrew Tinkler, chief executive of the Stobart Group, insisted the plan remains alive and is assessing his options with the council - including a possible appeal to the Supreme Court.

Stobart is meanwhile redeveloping Southend Airport, but with no specific focus on upgrading freight operations there.

[Source:<http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

## **8. DHL deploys disaster team to Guatemala**

Air Cargo World, June 4, 2010

Following the eruption of Pacaya, one of Guatemala's most active volcanoes, and the impact of tropical storm Agatha that killed more than 100 people and left tens of thousands homeless, a 20-strong team of DHL relief specialists has set up a warehouse and sort facility at La Aurora airport in Guatemala City to manage the inventory of donated goods.

Rainer Wend, executive vice president public policy and responsibility, said: "It is important that the worst affected areas in Guatemala will receive essential goods such as water, food and aid material as quickly as possible. I am therefore glad that we have been asked by the Guatemalan government to bring in our logistics expertise at the main airport to help manage incoming goods and so make the relief efforts run as quickly as possible."

In 2005, DHL partnered with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA). DHL's global DRT network consists of three teams which are assigned to regions covering Asia Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and the Middle East and Africa.

The company, which provides its relief teams on a pro-bono basis as part of its corporate responsibility program, said its DRT resources are deployed within 72 hours of notification for up to three weeks. By then the initial wave of charter aircraft carrying aid supplies has "normally subsided to a level that is manageable by local authorities".

- Deutsche Post DHL has formally donated its former US hub at the Wilmington Air Park, Ohio to the Clinton County Port Authority (CCPA). Republican congressman Michael Turner commented: "DHL is to be thanked for making the donation of this valuable asset. The business decision of DHL to close the sort operations at the Wilmington Air Park negatively impacted the community, but this donation enables the Clinton County Port Authority and the region to better control its destiny and future. The park can be a cornerstone for an economic recovery benefiting the Clinton and Highland County region."

[Source:<http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

## **9. Cathay to go round the world**

Air Cargo World, June 4, 2010

Cathay Pacific is set to launch its first round-the-world freighter service on July 9.

The carrier will initially operate a twice-weekly service, departing Hong Kong every Friday and Sunday. A B747-400 freighter will go via Anchorage to Chicago, continuing eastbound to Amsterdam and Dubai en route back to Hong Kong.

Cathay Pacific's director of cargo, Rupert Hogg, said the service had been several months in the planning. "We are very excited about the launch of this new freighter service, which will further strengthen our cargo network and also help in the continued development of Hong Kong's airfreight hub role - something to which our

airline is deeply committed," he said.

The carrier already operates eight times a week to Chicago, but the continuation to Amsterdam marks its first transatlantic service. Including ground time, the round-the-world flight will take 44.5 hours end to end.

Cathay Pacific has been reinforcing its services to and from Hong Kong in response to the recent recovery in airfreight markets, and has already announced plans to increase its freighter frequencies to Houston and Miami. From July 2, the airports will be served four and five times per week respectively.

The airline is strengthening its freighter fleet, with delivery of 10 new B747-8Fs beginning in January 2011. It has also begun work on a dedicated HK\$5.5 billion (US\$705 million) cargo terminal at Hong Kong International Airport, scheduled to come into operation in 2013.

Hong Kong's air cargo recovery meanwhile continues to accelerate. April volume increased by 38 percent year over year to 354,000 tonnes, reaching its highest level since November 2007.

Cathay Pacific and its Dragon Air subsidiary together carried 152,800 tonnes of cargo and mail in April, 24.1 percent ahead of April 2009. FTK capacity was up by 6.4 percent, giving an improvement of 13.6 percentage in load factor to 79.3 percent.

[Source:<http://www.aircargoworld.com>]

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## Calendar of Events . . .

Conference Name	Conference Dates	Location	Contact Information
Association of Zoo & Aquariums	September 11-16, 2010	Houston, TX USA	<a href="http://www.aza.org/annualconference/">http://www.aza.org/annualconference/</a>
European Association of Zoo & Aquariums	September 22-25, 2010	Verona, Italy	<a href="http://www.eaza.net/News/verona2010/Pages/Information.aspx">http://www.eaza.net/News/verona2010/Pages/Information.aspx</a>
The Zoological Registrars Association 2010 Annual Conference	September 29- October 3, 2010	Alberta, Canada	<a href="http://www.zooregistrars.org">http://www.zooregistrars.org</a>
IPATA Conference	October 16-19, 2010	Montreal, QC, Canada	<a href="http://www.ipata.com/">http://www.ipata.com/</a>

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