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## **CPD - NZ AVIATION TECHNICAL SECTOR - 2019**

The next CPD session is scheduled for **Thursday 30 May 2019, 1000-1100 (Zoom link below)**.

Kia Ora fellow aviation engineering professionals

I trust everyone had a relaxing Easter break. The year seems to be flying by with only 229 days left until Xmas☺

### **FAA / Asia-Pacific Bilateral Partners Meeting**

The FAA/ Asia-Pacific meeting was a great success. I will eventually get some notes together and send them out. However, by way of a very high-level summary: this year's conferences (hosted by yours truly in Queenstown) was attended by representatives from the USA, Canada, Australia, China, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, South Korea, Japan, Fiji, the Pacific Aviation Safety Organisation and RNZAF, conference discussions focused on maintaining effective regulatory oversight in the face of rapid technology advances. The conference was preceded by bilateral meetings between States. The Civil Aviation Authority convened bilateral discussions with the Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Canada, Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore. These discussions primarily focused on mutual recognition and initiatives to enhance safety while reducing regulatory 'double ups' for our participants.

As previously advised, discussions on the first two conference days (regulatory days) focused on the primary issues affecting aviation safety and how regulators are working change the way in which their staff act and think; to enable staff to face contemporary aviation challenges while enhancing regulatory performance. Although the proliferation of Drones and the recent Boeing 737-Max flight control system issues dominated discussions, there was a great deal of productive dialogue on how Authorities are changing the way in which the recruit, train and sustain regulatory staff.

The third 'industry' day was an opportunity for aviation industry representatives to engage in open dialogue with their regulatory counterparts. Boeing and Textron attended, with Textron leading industry discussion panels. New Zealand industry was also well represented with presentations from Vickers Aircraft Company, Flight Structures, Zephyr Airworks and Aim Altitude.

Overall the conference was engaging and informative with all National representatives actively participating in dialogue. Of note, although this conference did not attract the same number of attendees as previous years, if did

attract the broadest range of Authority representatives from all corners of the Pacific. As such, conference presentations, and subsequent open-forum dialogue set a new benchmark for future APAC meetings.

By way of a foot note: if any of you are ever asked to host an international conference involving multiple states, languages and agenda initiatives, run like the wind 😊 But seriously, a lot of hard work but with the support of my fantastic team we managed to 'pull it off'.

## May CPD

The next **CPD session is scheduled for Thursday 30 May** at the usual time slot of 1000-1100. I have one confirmed speaker and one tentative, so I would appreciate any volunteers who are be prepared to act as a May reserve and present in June if not required earlier. Please drop me an email if you are keen.

Speaker No 1: The first presenter for this month will be Henry Dumbleton. However, Henry isn't available on the 30<sup>th</sup> so, in the interests of once again trying something new, Henry is going to record his presentation for me to play back to you all on the day. We will then make henry's presentation available for review on the RAeS website; as soon as I work out how to do that 😊

Speaker No 2: I am still attempting to twist this speaker's arm. More details to follow.

## Login Details:

*The February meeting details are as follow:*

**Date:** *Thursday 30 May 2019.*

**Time:** *1000-1100hrs.*

**Zoom ID** - <https://zoom.us/j/487692466>

## Question Handling:

- Please use the Zoom chat function – I will also make time available for open questions if possible.

## Key Points:

- Briefs open to the entire NZ Aviation Technical Sector: NZDF, CAA, Air NZ, RAeS, AIRBUS, NMIT, DTA etc.
- Two presenters, 15 min each (10 min presentation, 2-5 min questions) per session.
- Presenters may elect to remain logged-in following the presentations to engage with personnel seeking additional interaction.
- The presentations will not be recorded.
- All presentations to be open source (UNCLAS).

**Key Goals for this CPD Initiative:**

- Continued Professional Development of the entire NZ Aviation Technical industry.
- Enhanced industry-wide engagement.
- Getting our valued personnel out of their technical stovepipes and (temporarily) into an environment of shared learning.

Finally, if you wish to be removed from this distribution, please reply to the sender. Equally, if you think we have missed someone, please let me know so I can add them to the list.

Cheers

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