

BULLETIN

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Presentation

Making Air Travel Safer and Faster

Friday 27th April 2007

Whether we fly regularly on business or only occasionally for visits or holidays, getting to our destination *safely* and *in the shortest possible time* is of paramount importance. This talk will address some of the recent developments in the field of Air Traffic Control (ATC) automation, which will serve to make air travel safer and faster.

For this talk we return to a format which will be familiar to our long-standing members and which many of them have requested that we reinstate, namely a topical presentation by a technical expert followed by informal conversation over drinks and nibbles.

Lionnel Wonneberger, Director Strategy & Business Development – Asia-Pacific, within the Air Systems Division of Thales Australia, will deliver the presentation. Lionnel started his career with the French Civil Aviation Authority (*Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile*) where he was in charge of ATC display equipment programs for all French en-route and approach ATC centres. In 1986 he joined *Thomson-CSF* (now *Thales*) first as an ATM Bid Manager, and then in 1990 as Manager of export automation programs.

In 1993 he transferred to Australia to work on the Thales proposal for *The Australian Advanced Air Traffic System (TAAATS)*. Upon Thales' winning the contract for this program he was appointed Managing Director of Thales' Australian ATC operations.

In 1999 he returned to France as Director of the *THOMFANS* multi-disciplinary team (encompassing *Thales Avionics* and *Thales Communications* experts), responsible for the development of systems integrating on-board equipment with ground-based ATC systems. Appointed President in 2002 of the *Air Traffic Alliance*, a grouping of the companies *EADS*, *Airbus* and *Thales*, he was instrumental in developing the *SESAR* Initiative for implementation of the next-generation *Single European Sky* program, encompassing the formation of a pan-European air-transport industry consortium for program definition in collaboration with EUROCONTROL and the European Commission. In order to address the needs of the huge Asia-Pacific market, Lionnel was appointed to his current executive position in 2006.

The talk will be open both to AFAS members and to any guests who may wish to attend.

WHEN: Friday 27th April 2007

TIME: 7:30 pm

WHERE: Alliance Française,
17 Robe Street
St Kilda, 3182

(Car parking at rear of premises, access from adjoining laneway)

RSVP before Monday 23rd April 2007 to

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Un mot du Président.

As a non-profit organisation, registered in Victoria, we are required to hold at least one annual general meeting.

This year, the Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 16th March at Innovation@257, courtesy of the Victorian Government's Department of Innovation.

Fifty members and guests attended the AGM and enjoyed the networking opportunity. We were particularly pleased to welcome Professor Michel Thibier, the Science & Technology Counsellor from the French Embassy and his wife to Melbourne. Ms Dominique de Gasquet, the Cultural & Scientific Attaché based in Melbourne also joined us.

Under the Rules of the Association, "The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the committee of management" consisting of "Office Holders" and "Ordinary members of the committee" who hold office for three years after date of election.

AFAS-Vic also manages the FEAST-France network in Victoria.

Liaison Officers (LO) and Deputy Liaison Officers (DLO) may be elected to the committee of management.

During the year, Yann Hamon and Garry Bryant resigned from the Committee. Pascale Pantaleao replaced Yann at Thales and Georgina Douglas replaced Gary at RMIT.

At the AGM, Yvonne Durandet and Kerry Hourigan were re-elected for three years and Georgina Douglas was elected for a full three term.

The Office Holders are:

President: John Acton - 3 year term expires May 2008
Vice-President: Peter Tolé - 3 year term expires May 2008
Hon Secretary: François Malherbe - 3 year term expires May 2008
Hon Treasurer: George Bolz - 3 year term expires May 2008
Public Officer: Bernard Shepherd - 3 year term expires May 2008

The Committee members are:

Christophe Lèfevre - 3 year term expires May 2008 – LO Uni Melb
Pascale Pantaleao - 3 year term expires May 2008
Sophie Bourguès – 3 year term expires March 2009
Sebastien Fleury – 3 year term expires March 2009
Yvonne Durandet - 3 year term expires May 2010 - DLO Swinburne
Georgina Douglas - 3 year term expires May 2010 - LO RMIT
Kerry Hourigan - 3 year term expires May 2010 - LO Monash University

LO & DLO who are not elected members of the committee, but are invited to attend.

Marian Obenchain – LO La Trobe University
Aladin Zayegh - LO Victoria University
Julio Soria - DLO Monash University
Richard Ferrero - DLO Monash University.

The Committee members are all volunteers and I would like to thank them for the time and effort they put into AFAS.

Welcome to new Corporate member
RMIT University

Welcome to new Individual members
Mr Robert Bicknell
Dr Martin Burd
Dr Sabine A. Hammond
Dr Angelo Perani
Dr Daniel Talmont

les Emissions en Français à radio SBS

1224 AM
mardi : 11h
vendredi : 11h
dimanche : 16h

CALENDAR FOR 2007

Friday March 16th
Annual General Meeting
Networking Opportunity

Friday April 27th
Talk – Making Air Travel Safer & Faster

Thursday May 17th
Seminar – Making the French Connection

Wednesday June 13th to Saturday July 14th
French Rendez-vous 2007

Friday June 15th
Annual Dinner – Chez Bob

Friday July 6th
Technical Visit – New laser at IRIS

Friday August 17th
AFAS FEAST France Fellowship Presentation

September
Seminar – Wireless Transmission Technology

Melbourne French Theatre

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<http://www.mftinc.org>