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# ATAC Participation in ICAO Committee on Aviation Environmental Protection

ATAC represented its members during the 10th CAEP triennial meeting at ICAO in early February. ATAC actively supported the Canadian delegation as an advisor and ensured that aspects under consideration for adoption by ICAO were either mitigated or were otherwise in line with the requirements of our operators. Very good headway was made to incorporate Carbon Dioxide (CO2) and Nonvolatile Particulate Matter (nvPM) emission improvements through adoption of the latest technology for in-production and new aircraft types without allowing any type of phase out of existing types of aircraft. With the lead up to the triennial ICAO Assembly in the fall of 2016 these meetings are key to developing practical solutions that clearly show that ICAO is showing leadership and making progress with regards to reducing aviation emissions so that regional jurisdictions do not implement their own penalizing schemes.

### ATAC at MRO Latin America 2016 and MRO Americas 2016 Plans

ATAC and several of its MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) industry partners participated in the Aviation Week MRO Latin America 2016 Showcase and Conference, January 20-22, in Lima, Peru. ATAC facilitated a successful networking and information-sharing event at the Canadian Embassy the day before the conference and hosted a Canadian MRO showcase table alongside Industry Partners AJW Technique, Lockheed Martin Commercial Engine Solutions and Mxi Technologies. The next major MRO events facilitated by ATAC will be MRO Americas 2016 in Dallas, TX on April 4-6 and MRO Europe October 18-20 in Amsterdam both of which will include the

always successful Canadian MRO Networking events. Contact ATAC if you wish to be part of this world-reaching Canadian MRO team!

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## Promoting Canadian Flight Training Internationally

The latest Transport Canada statistics provided to ATAC show that for 2015 the number of foreign commercial pilot licenses issued in Canada amounted to 43.5% of the total for fixed wing aircraft and 38% for helicopters. The majority of foreign students came from China (67%), India (16%), France (11%), USA (4%) and UK (2%).

Three ATAC companies; namely, Calgary Flying Club, Ottawa Aviation Services and Super T Aviation Academy, were active participants at the Shenzhen Aviation Association Conference and the China AOPA Conference in Shenzhen China last September and were supported by the Guangzhou Global Affairs Officer, Christine Tian. The mission supported ATAC keynote presentations at both events, B<sub>2</sub>B meetings and trade show booth displays promoting the FlyCanada brand. Meetings in Shenzhen with the Beijing United General Aviation (BUGA) group resulted in the signing of an MOU between Calgary Flying Club at the AOPA exhibition and the subsequent signing of a pilot training contract.

Initiatives such as the GOA International Outreach Program, under the leadership of ATAC and the Canadian Trade Commission, are instrumental in creating the global awareness and presence required to accomplish our objectives of increasing our market share within the Asia-Pacific region.

Ireland has also been identified as an emerging opportunity for Canadian flight schools. Four ATAC companies; namely, Calgary Flying Club, Ottawa Aviation Ser-

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vices, Super T Aviation and Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre, were on the second GOA mission to Dublin supported by Global Affairs Canada to showcase Canadian flight training at the Pilot Careers Live Exhibition. The FlyCanada booth prominently displayed Canadian aviation scenes and landscapes and allowed the flight schools to interface directly with operators and next generation pilots from Ireland. Support was offered by the Canadian Ambassador to Ireland, His Excellency Kevin Vickers, who hosted the Canadians and their business partners to a dinner meeting at the Embassy in Dublin.

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### U.S. TSA Causes Confusion With NOTAM

On December 14, 2015 the U.S. Transportation Security Administration issued a NOTAM which impacted "civil" aircraft operations. The flights in question were Canada to Canada overflight of US airspace.

This NOTAM would have required small aircraft operators to get clearance to undertake the flight in advance for each and every flight.

ATAC lobbied representatives at the TSA, and succeeded in getting the NOTAM modified January 16.

