

A message from Kenneth Kronborg, President, IFALDA

IFALDA Accomplishments for 2016

I would like to express my gratitude for the work you all are doing for IFALDA.

I know it is not always easy to find the time to read the mails and answer them and some are more active than others, but it is the combined work that we do that makes IFALDA going. For that I thank you all very much.

2016 has been a busy year for IFALDA. We have been involved in several issues:

- **Update of the Training Manual** – We got the go from ICAO and Russ and Dave was in Montreal - Jörn from Galda will take the lead, soon we will start up the working group.
- **Global Flight Tracking NATII** – Here Dave has the Lead and are giving valuable inputs on the bi-weekly phone meetings.
- **IFALDA News Letter**, Flight Dispatcher's World – Here Dave has the lead and doing a fantastic job informing all our members.
- **ICAO EFB Sub-working group** – I was participating in this group from dec15-dec16 and work is finished and we got some important footprints in the upcoming manual.
- **ICAO 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly** in Montreal Sep16 – Russ and I participated and we presented our WP in six languages, Dave and Bernard had put a tremendous work into it – we got support from several countries and the WP was highly recognized by the Assembly.
- **ADF Summit** in LAS Oct16 – Russ and I participated – we had 2 main issues – one was to restore the relationship between IFALDA and ADF and second to gain more membership with American Unions, TWU. I talked to them and have sent emails the both boards of TWU, but we still have not heard back from them.
- **Website** – Rick is doing fantastic work updating and maintaining our website.
- **Facebook** – I put from time to time some info on our Facebook site and we get quite a lot of likes – 2017 can be used to improve on FB work.
- **Membership** – I don't have the latest nbr but aprox 1500 members are we and with TWU549 and TWU550 there are potentially 1000 more. We will probably also get new members at the next AGM. We are also getting some single members every month from around the world. Dave is doing a lot of work in communicating with new members. 2015 we were approx. 500, so good increase in membership.
- **Financial situation** – we have spent a lot of money this year on meetings etc but have also the increased membership money coming in and that was needed due to the extra activity this year. Rick has done fantastic work in keeping score on our finances.

- **AGM2016** – Was in Berlin this year and with great success hosted by EUFALDA – fantastic job.
- **AGM2017** – will be hosted by APADA and already they and especially Marcelo have put great effort in the pre-arrangement – I am looking very much forward to it.
- **Board meeting** – We had a board meetings in Atlanta Jan16 and just before the AGM in Berlin. We will have next Board meeting in Atlanta 21/22jan 2017 – more info will follow.

So, all in all an extremely busy 2016 for IFALDA and we can all be proud of the professionalism that IFALDA has been showing in different fora's and the hard work that has been done throughout the year.

Thank you everybody

Best Regards

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