

Dear Fellows:

On 5 y 6 December an important meeting was developed in our Argentine Meteorological Bureau building in Buenos Aires.

Apada was invited to this event, and our President Mr D'antiochia was the Apada's representative.

We reproduce a brief part of this meeting.

"Entre el 5 y 6 de diciembre, en el Servicio Meteorológico Nacional, se llevo a cabo el **Primer Taller Regional AMDAR IATA-OMM**. Se trata de la primera vez que tiene lugar en Sudamérica un taller que integra a expertos de la Organización Meteorológica Mundial (OMM), con las líneas aéreas comerciales, representadas por miembros de la entidad supranacional de aviación comercial, Asociación Internacional de Transporte Aéreo (IATA por sus siglas en inglés)."

"Between the 5th and 6th of December, in the National Meteorological Service, the First AMDAR IATA-WMO Regional Workshop took place, which is the first time that a workshop has been held in South America that integrates experts from the World Meteorological Organization ( OMM), with commercial airlines, represented by members of the supranational commercial aviation entity, International Air Transport Association (IATA)."

"Los mensajes **AMDAR (Aircraft Meteorological Data Relay)** son los datos meteorológicos que toman y transmiten las aeronaves en forma automática durante distintas etapas de su vuelo. El Taller tiene dos etapas, con el objetivo de extender el proyecto AMDAR a nivel regional. La primera girará en torno a los beneficios de estos datos, cómo obtenerlos, desarrollarlos e implementarlos y, en particular, cómo mejoran los pronósticos numéricos para las aerolíneas comerciales y usuarios aeronáuticos. La segunda parte será exclusivamente meteorológica y estará orientada a fortalecer el desarrollo regional de AMDAR en Sudamérica."

"**The AMDAR** (Aircraft Meteorological Data Relay) messages are the meteorological data that aircraft take and transmit automatically during different stages of their flight. The Workshop has two stages, with the aim of extending the AMDAR project to the regional level. The first will revolve around the benefits of these data, how to obtain them, develop and implement them and, in particular, how they improve the numerical forecasts for commercial airlines and aeronautical users. The second part will be exclusively meteorological and will be aimed at strengthening the regional development of AMDAR in South America."

**"Participantes:**

Del Taller participan unas 50 personas, entre representantes de diferentes países de la región, como **Brasil, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, Ecuador, Venezuela, Surinam y la Guyana Francesa. De parte de las aerolíneas comerciales, participan LATAM, Aerolíneas Argentinas, Norwegian, Andes, Flybondi, Avianca Argentina, Avianca Colombia, TAME entre otras.**

**También participan entidades aeronáuticas como ANAC, EANA y APADA, y entidades meteorológicas internacionales, como la Administración Nacional Oceánica y Atmosférica (NOAA, EEUU) y EUMENET, consorcio de servicios meteorológicos europeos."**

"Attendants:

About 50 people participate in the workshop, including representatives from different countries in the region, such as Brazil, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, Ecuador, Venezuela, Suriname and French Guiana. On behalf of commercial airlines, LATAM, Aerolíneas Argentinas, Norwegian, Andes, Flybondi, Avianca Argentina, Avianca Colombia, TAME and among other.

Also participating are **aeronautical entities** such as ANAC, EANA and **APADA**, and international meteorological entities, such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA, USA) and EUMENET, consortium of European meteorological services."

More information can be found in the official Argentine Meteorological Bureau website:

<https://www.smn.gob.ar/noticias/primer-taller-regional-amdar-iata-omm>

We are really proud like organization of having been invited to an event of these important characteristics.

Best regards to all of you there, happy new year for everybody, and our memories to the good Bryan.

Postscript: Pic attached

Mr D'antiochia is in the last row under the marquee of the Meteorological Service, number six from de left, below the last letter "O" of **Meteorológico** in the marquee. (Mr D'antiochia opened the 2017 AGM in Buenos Aires). Thanks for your attention.

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