



European Cockpit Association
'Piloting Safety'



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Towards Global Standards for Pilot Training

Today pilot training experts from around the world unite in Paris to develop the IFALPA¹ Pilot Training Standards (IPTS). Operational pilots from Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Oceania with a wealth of expertise on pilot training are committed to establish IPTS as the main standard for the future of pilot training.

Against the background of growing competition in the aviation sector – in an increasingly challenging economic environment – combined with the projected traffic growth over the next decade(s) and an increase in automation, pilot skills and entry requirements to the profession are under increasing pressure. Professional pilot skills are however key preconditions to ensure safe operations even under the most demanding circumstances. Pilot training experts will define over the next days visions that guarantee the necessary quality and quantity of training for a student to become a pilot, and for the pilots to maintain and further develop their skills and airmanship.

The 3 day workshop will aim at generating IPTS which will become the new IFALPA policy on pilot training. It will outline the full set of training needs, starting from the initial selection of candidate pilots up to recurrent training of the experienced pilots. The outcome of the workshop will result in an IFALPA Position Paper adopted at the IFALPA Human Performance Committee in November (16-18) and evolve into a full IFALPA Policy at the IFALPA Conference in April 2011.

The European Cockpit Association (ECA) and its members are co-organising and actively contributing to this workshop. ECA will use the resulting IFALPA Policy as its basis and benchmark for contributions to the development of future pilot training requirements with the aim of ensuring the highest level of training and safety standards in Europe.

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¹ IFALPA : International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (see: www.ifalpa.org)