

VATSIM Executive Committee Meeting

2nd Quarter – 2008

May 3, 2008

Regional Directors In attendance:

Ilan Jonas – RD Africa/Middle East/ EC Chairperson
Kyprianos Biris – RD Europe
Terry Scanlan – RD Oceania
William Woo – RD Asia/ EC Deputy Chairperson

Non Voting members in attendance:

Roland Collins – VP Regions
Rafael Mayer – Deputy RD South America
Jeff Smith – Deputy RD Oceania

Apologies accepted from:

Craig Merriman – RD North America
Jesus Betancourt – RD South America

12:15z – Meeting called to order.

Agenda item #1: uncompleted items from previous meetings

Ilan – Opened discussion regarding incomplete EC requests to the BoG.

Kyprianos – asked Roland for an update about changes requested by the EC with the Region transfer process and with a welcome email sent to new and transferring members.

Roland – Said that a long time has passed, and believed the situation has changed. EC needs to redefine what it wants and send it to the BoG.

Kyprianos – I believe EC already agreed and did it. Anyhow I will make a draft and circulate it.

Terry – EC dealt with changes to the CERT server and what a new member gets when joining or when a member requests a region change. EC would like people to get attached to a division at registration. EC also require the RDs to receive notices of Members requesting to leave their region; this is in addition to the notice sent to the RD of the new region.

Roland – I recall Ilan also asked to add a “reason for transfer” field, to be completed by the transferee as free-text.

Ilan –EC also asked that the system would suggest new members the “correct” region-division-vACC Selection, based on the member’s country of origin.

Kyprianos – Also, based on the country of origin, a new member will receive a welcome email in both the local language and in English, detailing what VATSIM has to offer to the member in his area. Submitting the contents of this countries email and keeping it up-to-date will be the responsibility of the RDs.

Kyprianos – EC would also ask that the region transfer requests of ATC rated members and suspended members will cease to be automatic, since it creates many problems. Only Pilot/OBS region transfers will remain as today. Second, we want the web page of the region transfer to contain all the EC policies.

Terry – I believe the transfer process should not be automatic also for PILOT/OBS rated.

Ilan – we already discussed all these issues and made a draft, back in January 2007.

Kyprianos – It was about the new members process. Roland made a few drafts, but I don't recall we gave an OK.

Ilan – Suggests EC re-circulate an up to date draft, have a time limited vote on it and then have Roland put it before the BoG.

Roland – I remember when EC were discussing the issues, BoG were discussing similar matters in relation to registration so I had the opportunity to bring the EC suggestion before BOG anyway. The BoG changes under discussion were adopted but the EC requested changes were not taken up immediately due to the required changes of the database.

Roland agrees to take the new EC requirements to the BoG as soon as it is complete

Ilan – asks Roland to make it clear that the EC see the required changes as crucial for fulfilling the RDs duties, and that the changes have been held up long enough.

Kyprianos & Terry – second.

Roland acknowledged that he understood the importance of the required changes and would ensure that this was carried to the BoG. Roland also suggested that the revised document presented to BoG should be worded so that the EC position in relation to the importance of matters is made very clear.

Action Item: Kyprianos will circulate a draft of EC requirements, RDs and deputies will review the draft and the EC will take a time limited vote on the final draft to be brought before the BoG.

Roland – Asks Kyprianos to circulate the previous draft as well, for comparison.

Roland – *(raised later in the meeting but presented here)* The RD deputies should be able to handle region transfer requests as well. Also, the deputies should receive all copies of the respective RD's email.

Ilan – We also requested an access to the EC website. The current webpage is almost inaccessible, and we would like to have the website more accessible, more modern and more functional.

Terry – Seconds.

Action Item: Ilan to follow up and make sure that Deputy RD has the same privileges CERT as RD also, to include the Deputy RD on the RD email.

Action Item: Terry to follow up in regard to EC web page design and access

Agenda item #2: Global Ratings Policy final report and estimation of success

Ilan – It is my impression that the GRP is accepted and in effect. It is now more a matter of training departments and Supervisors, and less an EC matter. In VATAME the GRP is fully in effect.

Terry – Since January 1st the GRP is up and running in Oceania.

Kyprianos –Everything is aligning, the hard work was in the first months, now all works fine.

William – Asia implemented the GRP and nothing special to report.

Rafael – Nothing of importance to report for South America.

Ilan – Region implementation has gone well and is operating according to policy. Discussed major airport issues that were raised within divisions.

Roland – We knew this is a big change, a change in culture, and expected some hiccups. Staffs have shown that they are able to complete the task.

Agenda Item #3: Improving the network: adding awards

Ilan – first, notifies of a few veteran member's emails received, with one common concern of keeping VATSIM's professionalism and realism.

Presents an idea of introducing some "awards", inspired by the world of amateur radio ("ham radio"), such as fly to all 50 states of USA, or al 26 cantons of Switzerland. There are countless ideas to implement.

Kyprianos – reminds that the VATAWARE utility can be of help to this idea.

Ilan – I will approach some relevant divisions for a pilot of this idea.

Agenda Item #4: Region reports

Terry – Introduces Jeff Smith to the EC and thank him for his help in advancing the oceanic agreement with VATNA.

Jeff – Thanks Terry for the warm welcome and details the current situation of the oceanic discussions.

The EC welcomes Jeff and would like to see the deputies in future meetings whenever they are able to attend.

Ilan – VATAME is looking like a real region now, with all 5 divisions manned with their respective staff members. Activity is rising, the Hit squad is working in Kenya and things look promising all around. Wishes to warmly thank VATAME deputies, Lee and Mahmoud, for their endless dedicated work which help VATAME step forward.

William – We have a new division – VATSIM Indonesia, and we need it added to the CERT server ASAP. My request is hanging for months now.

Roland – Agrees to follow up and get this moving.

Ilan – Asking about the situation in China, seeing the huge potential this country has.

William – There is some activity in China, but not many ATC. They are not able to cover the whole country. The political climate might be a problem for China to become an active member of VATSIM.

Roland – I believe VATSIM should take advantage of the Beijing games and give priority to opening a China division as soon as possible. VATSIM is interested in developing China as a VATSIM division. We should start a global PR campaign to attach those who can help this matter.

Terry – the hit squad could be of assistance, but it will take time.

Meeting adjourned. *Oceania, Europe and Africa/Middle East Region reports hereinafter.*

From: Terry Scanlan

To: VATSIM EC

Date: May 2, 2008

Subject: OCEANIA Region Report March QTR 2007

Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Wallis and Futuna.

APPOINTMENTS/CHANGES: John Golin has retired as the Deputy Director for OCEANIA region. Jeffrey Smith has been appointed as Deputy Director.

The OCEANIA region continues to grow steadily with many transfers in to the region from other VATSIM regions. Requests for Visiting Controller status have been encouraging as it is good to see members from other regions trying their hand at ATC in OCEANIA.

Both VATNZ and VATPAC are now, and have been since January 1st 2008 fully compliant with the new GRP and have introduced self assessment procedures for the knowledge based stages of the TOWER CONTROLLER rating (S1,Student). A practical assessment, using *TOWER TRAINER* is then conducted to test the new student's ability to handle traffic.

Joint cooperation between the two divisions is evident when some events are scheduled that allow both divisions to participate. The recent *ROLLING THUNDER* event saw both divisions participating making the event much more enjoyable.

The OCEANIC Partnership previously ratified by VATPAC and VATUSA has been rekindled and is now being re-written to incorporate VATNZ. New staff members at VATUSA are being encouraged to embrace this unique agreement and it is hoped that joint OCEANIC endorsements will commence soon enabling OAKLAND endorsed Oceanic controllers to control in OCEANIA'S airspace and OCEANIA endorsed controllers to control in OAKLAND'S airspace. This common endorsement policy only relates to Procedural Oceanic Control. Jeff Smith, the Deputy Director for OCEANIA has been tasked with bringing this agreement to completion.

REGION MEMBERSHIP AS AT MAY 2nd 2008

DIVISION	PILOT/OBS	ATC	TOTAL
VATNZ	120	43	163
VATPAC	1539	265	1804
TOTAL	1659	308	1967

Total membership of OCEANIA is currently 4,513 leaving 2,546 members not attached to a division or are inactive.

[DIVISION REPORTS:](#)



For the last 3 months, VATPAC has continued to grow in new members and online traffic, this has been mainly due to the promotion of events, and a successful implementation of the training program for TWR ratings.

Steve Cullen (VATPAC5 – Events) tendered his resignation during the quarter, and his position was filled by former staff member, Jackson Harding. Jackson brings several years of experience into the role, having being a former staff member and operating a successful VA, Compass. His capability and skills are welcomed back into the VATPAC Board.

Events has been very busy recently, with several members and staff taking part in the “half way” World Flight event in April. The “rolling thunder” event also took place in April, which was a major event in Australia centered around a group of members hosting a LAN event near Bankstown Airport, in Sydney, Australia. Events has been focusing on VFR events in particular, with events taking place twice weekly, with flight plans, charts/maps being sent to members whom subscribe to the VFR event email. Several pilots have “graduated” with a “Flight Radio qualification” due to their dedication with attending events. Special mention is made to VATPAC member, Paul Pibbs for his commitment to the VFR event program

The board is currently reviewing the staff organisation structure, and it is possible that by the next report, that there will have been a restructure at staff level. At this preliminary stage, this is not expected to create any concerns for the EC or VATSIM generally, but is more related to a more logical restructure of the functions that the staff work streams provide.

The new VATPAC website is currently in testing phase and the board is hopeful that this will be published soon.

Training has had no significant issues in the quarter, with the new TWR training program being implemented last quarter and no significant issues reported to date.

Outstanding from the previous report

Pilot Services Director

This is on hold, pending the outcome of the organisational structure review

2008 and beyond strategy

There has been no development on this since the last report

KPI tracking

This is on hold, pending the outcome of the organisational structure review

ADS-B

There has been no change to this.



VATSIM NEW ZEALAND QUARTELY REPORT TO THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR - APRIL 2008

VATNZ has continues to move forward in leaps and bounds and I am really happy with the progress that the division has made in the past 15 months of operations.

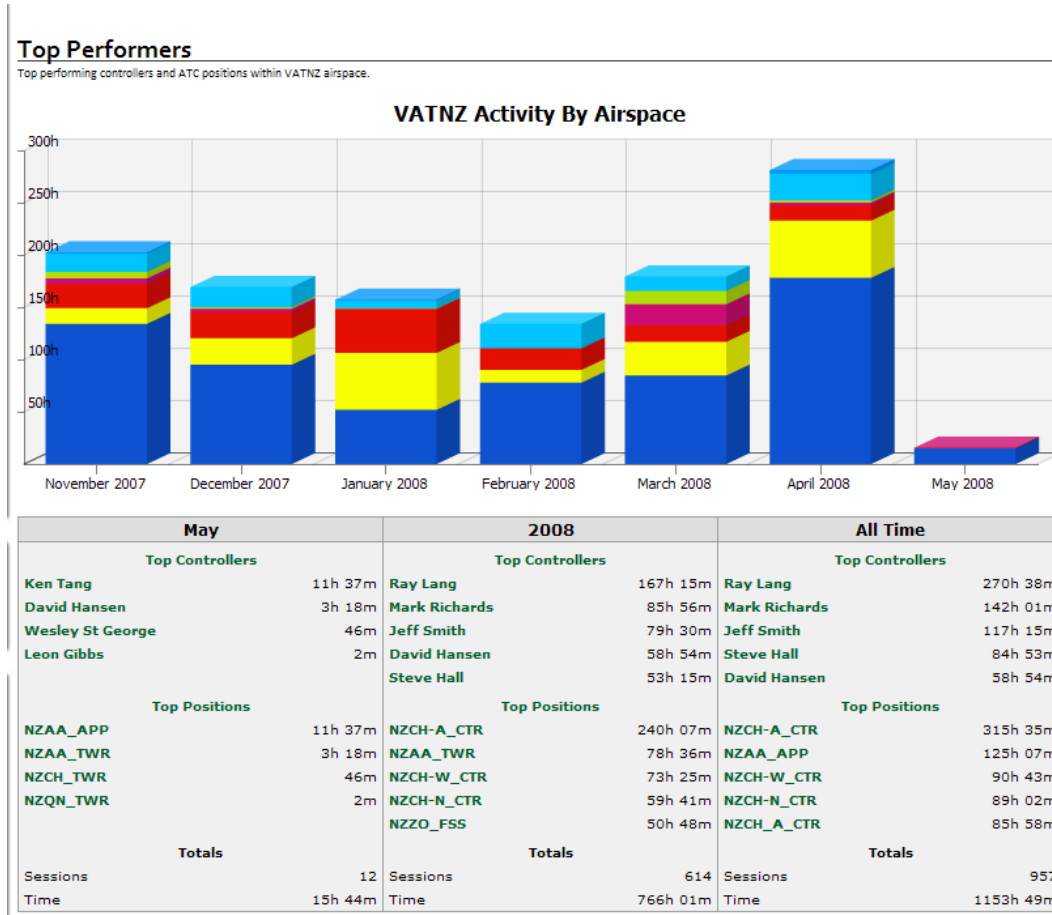
163 VATSIM members are now formally part of VATNZ with many more supporters regularly visiting the Website and participating in the forum discussions.

Since the website went live in December 2006, we have had more than quarter of a million hits and we now have 318 registered users of the Website.

Development of the Website continues on a daily basis with many new initiatives by all members of the VATNZ Board and especially by our Director of IT Nick Johnston who has developed a tool for seeing current pilots and

controllers online in the VATNZ Airspace and more recently with flight tracking including flight paths on Google Maps.

Also an extremely valuable tool has been Nick's initiative in creating Controller Statistics which has seen a steady increase in online controlling in NZ. Statistics have been collected since 22 October 2007 and despite a dip around the holiday season, controller stats continue to increase each month.



As expected, the Auckland Sector is the busiest by controller sessions:

VATNZ Position Report

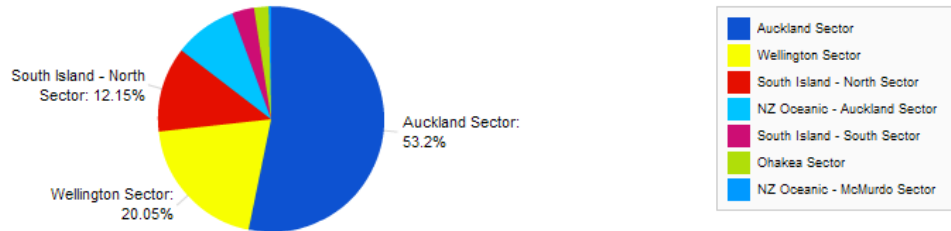
Refine Search

All Months 2008 Go

Airspace Summary

A summary of the recorded controller activity in VATNZ airspace broken down by airspace.

VATNZ Activity by Airspace
Percentage of Logged VATNZ Activity by Time



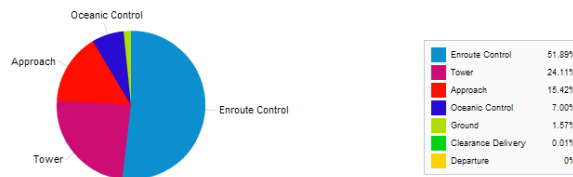
#	Airspace	Name	Sessions	Time Online	%
1	NZCH-A_CTR	Auckland Sector	328	407h 33m	53.20
2	NZCH-W_CTR	Wellington Sector	101	153h 36m	20.05
3	NZCH-N_CTR	South Island - North Sector	91	93h 04m	12.15
4	NZZO_FSS	NZ Oceanic - Auckland Sector	45	69h 02m	9.01
5	NZCH-S_CTR	South Island - South Sector	29	23h 52m	3.12
6	NZOH_CTR	Ohakea Sector	14	16h 04m	2.10
7	NZCM_FSS	NZ Oceanic - McMurdo Sector	6	2h 47m	0.36

Enroute is the most popular position in VATNZ airspace:

Position Type Summary - 2008

A summary of the position types that have recorded activity in VATNZ airspace.

VATNZ Activity by Position Type
Percentage of Logged VATNZ Activity by Time



#	Type	Sessions	Time Online	%
1	Enroute Control (CTR)	281	397h 30m	51.89
2	Tower (TWR)	198	184h 43m	24.11
3	Approach (APP)	91	118h 06m	15.42
4	Oceanic Control (FSS)	34	53h 36m	7.00
5	Ground (GND)	9	12h 02m	1.57
6	Clearance Delivery (DEL)	1	2m	0.01

Training is coming along very nicely with a number of recent Controller promotions. The skill level and capability of the Controllers is improving all the time and New Zealand ATC is a lot more active now following a dramatic increase in online traffic.

Traffic Volumes since the beginning of the year:

	Inbound flights (others to NZ)	Outbound flights (NZ to others)	Local flights (NZ to NZ)	Total flights
Jan-08	164	192	332	688
Feb-08	115	104	225	444
Mar-08	144	137	364	645
Apr-08	133	166	387	686
TOTAL	556	599	1308	2463

VATNZ has moved forward with the VATSIM Global Ratings Policy and it is working extremely well in our division with no major issues.

Event support dropped off over the Christmas period but following the reintroduction of our Sunday Night Operations (SNO) in March, we have seen a steady increase in traffic supporting the Sunday night events each week. We are now advertising the SNOs far and wide and this has also seen a number of international pilots supporting the event each week. Of most note here have been the number who have seen the SNOs announced each week in vroute.

VATNZ fully supported VATPAC in their recent "Thunder Down Under" ATC weekend with many VATNZ members flying in Australia over the weekend it was on and culminating in our Sunday Night Ops flying into Sydney for the finale on the Sunday night.

Overall, VATNZ is progressing well and continues to support the needs of its members.



Mark Richards

DIVISION DIRECTOR

2nd May 2008

Terry Scanlan

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VATSIM Europe Region Report

www.vateur.org

May 2008

As of March 2008, Christian Sager VATEUR2 Europe Region Deputy Director stepped down from his position due to real life commitments.

As of May 2008, Peter Nielsen was appointed by VATEUR1 as Europe Division Director VATEUD1 following years of experience as its Training Director VATEUD2. The vacancy was announced publicly in the Europe Region staff list & forum and applicants were screened by VATEUR1. Peter Nielsen in the months to come will take care of VATEUD's Training Department and the staffing needs that arise from his upgrade to Director's position.

Kyprianos Biris VATEUR1

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VATEUD Division report

www.vateud.org

VATEUD report Jan-April 2008

The beginning of January saw the resignation of Martin George as VATEUD1.

VATEUD2 stepped in to a caretaker role initially thought to last less than 2 or 3 weeks, but ended up lasting almost 4 months.

A number of changes in VATEUD staff positions have taken place over the last months.

Thomas George initially resigned as VATEUD3 due to lack of time. Trond Meier formerly the TD for Scandinavia Vacc was appointed to the position of Assistant Training Director VATEUD (VATEUD3) with a clear goal to review Controller Practical Test procedures for the division.

Piotr Nowicki VATEUD5 resigned in early February and Thomas George applied and was welcomed back in a new capacity of Assistant Membership Director (VATEUD5)

Florian Harms VATEUD6 resigned due to his BOG appointment and I decided to hold back on this position until all other matters had been resolved, a selection process for a new Event Director is now underway.

The position of Assistant Conflict Resolution Director (VATEUD10) has been cancelled after discussion with DCRM Frans Mulder (VATEUD9).

VATEUD10 is now a newly created position of Euro Test Technical Director and is Frank Bitterlich, who has been developing this software behind the scenes forever and a day.

All in all the structure has remained in place, but the big difference has been a kind of integration in day to day operations between Training and Membership Departments which is proving to be beneficial. In this same trend the main 3 webpages in use (www.vateud.org, www.VATEUD-TD.org and <http://eurotest.gotdns.com/>) are being reviewed by our Webmaster Nico Pambleck (VATEUD7) and Frank Bitterlich with the aim to integrate them into one main site at all times with redundancy backups elsewhere.

No doubt that EC Global Ratings Policy (GRP) implementation was the biggest challenge we faced in EUD in January and February, over a three-week period and in close cooperation with each individual vACC in Europe without exception we aligned a total of:

45 Senior Students to Controller

34 Students to Senior Students

Many vACC's were not prepared for GRP or did not understand the concept but the entire exercise did complete by the Middle of February with a few and accepted challenges to be resolved. Overall GRP has not been the end or demise of Training Methods or of entire vACC's as feared by some.

One direct casualty of GRP was that the entire Staff of SAGvACC resigned in late February leading to a total reorganization of the largest vACC in the division. Marc Riedel a long serving team member of VATEUD TD was voted on as the new director of SAG and he has since filled most of the staff positions accordingly. At this moment in time there are internal differences within SAG which may lead to SAG splitting into three independent vACC's, being Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

Due to GRP and internal VATEUD staff matters the planned Instructor Course for January was delayed until March so year to date we have so far only managed to complete one course and have awarded a further 5 members with an Instructor Rating. Course number 2 for 2008 starts on 4th May with 5 further pupils. Overall the division now has:

29 INS

28 INS+

Eurotest is being totally rewritten and version 4 should be on line by the end of the Summer. This will be totally new system and will give individual vACC's more input into the entire process.

The VACC support team that falls under VATEUD TD has continued being busy assisting in reorganizing a number of vACC's across the Division this quarter and I am particularly pleased that Lluís del Cerro has decided to re join and offer his considerable knowledge to vACC's in need.

Overall Statistics for January to April 2008 and key points:

	BLUX	BULG	CRO	CYPR	CZCH	ESTN	FINL	FRA	FYRM	GRE	HUN	IRL	ITA	LATVIA	LITH	NETH	POL	POF
STU	3	2	7	0	12	3	11	25	2	15	19	32	25	1	12	24	37	
STU+	0	6	3	1	4	2	4	18	0	7	8	17	9	0	4	3	3	
CTR	1	0	0	3	0	1	11	8	0	5	1	13	5	1	0	12	3	
CTR+	0	0	0	7	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	0	2	
TOTAL	4	8	10	11	17	6	27	51	2	28	30	63	42	3	16	39	45	2
%	0.6	1.1	1.4	1.5	2.4	0.8	3.8	7.1	0.3	3.92	4.2	8.8	5.9	0.4	2.2	5.5	6.3	3.

(Recommendations by vACC and by rating between 1st Jan 2008 and 28th April 2008. Percentages rounded to 1 decimal place generally.)

Comparing like for like against last year same period.

	BLUX	BULG	CRO	CYPR	CZCH	ESTN	FINL	FRA	FYRM	GRE	HUN	ICL	IRL	ITA	LATVIA	LITH	NETH	POL	P
2007	15	0	7	6	7	17	28	43	0	15	10	2	41	39	0	1	36	31	
2008	4	8	10	11	17	6	27	51	2	28	30	0	63	42	3	16	39	45	

Key points:

- 0 recommendations in 2007 are newly formed vACCs. Lithuania had only just become official this time last year.
- Huge growth with Hungary, Ireland and Lithuania and Scandinavia. New dynamic team in place in Hungary, new Director for Scandinavia and Iceland has finally been fully integrated into Scan vACC.
- Notable growth with vACC France which has been supported by vACC Support Team.
- Belux suffering a severe lack of demand hence low ATC and low traffic. Xavier will be leaving in September, could present problems
- Estonia – has been part of the Baltic Training Union although again, not very much local demand
- Romania – currently under vACC Support Team restructure. Unfortunately Eric Boccaneau left due to loss of interest and the vACC is trying to get back on its feet.
- Portugal – fall in recommendations although not of great concern. New, dynamic management team now active.
- Italy – has a new Director as Alberto Molteri resigned due to real life matters.
- Croatia – now supported by vACC support Team as they have too few mentors and too many Students, this although positive is a challenge.

- New signups, 1264 between 1st Jan and 28th April 2008. 1095 last year. 20,451 members with rating > suspended.

Instructor Promotions

COURSE #7/0208

Start: 04.03.08 Done: 15.04.08 | TUEs 1900 UTC

931070 | Martin Bergin | martin_bergin@hotmail.com | VACC Ireland
915384 | Joakim Bo | joakim@kunkel.dk | VACC Scandinavia
937154 | Haakan Schulz | hakanschulz@hotmail.com | VACC Scandinavia
901134 | Anastasios P. Stathopoulos | captakis@vip.gr | VACC Cyprus
940540 | Daniel Gustin | gustind@hotmail.com | VACC Croatia
811107 | Damir Nozica | acc@globalnet.hr | VACC Croatia

All passed. 7 so far this year.

COURSE #8/0308

Start: 29.04.08 Done: 10.06.08 | TUEs 2000 UTC

810210 | Pedro Rodrigues | pedro.rodrigues@portugal-vacc.org | vACC Portugal
971262 | Bernardo Carvalho | bernscarvalho@gmail.com | vACC Portugal

Starts 29th April

2007

COURSE #5/0407

Start: 09.10.07 Done: 20.11.07 | TUEs 2000 UTC

Martin Bergin

COURSE #4/0307

Start: 21.08.07 Done: 02.10.07 | TUEs 1900 UTC

Terry Kyriakdes
James O'Grady
Dean Van Landeghem
Christoph Piel
Maciej Lapoc

SUMMER BREAK

COURSE #3/0207

Start: 15.05.07 Done: 26.06.07 | TUEs 20oo UTC

Xavier Van Nieuwenhuysse
Trond Meier
Christian Sager
Andreas Jung
Joerg Haensel
Michael Wöhry

COURSE #2/0107

Start: 20.03.07 Done: 08.05.07 | TUEs 20oo UTC

Alberto Molteni
Piotr Nowicki (EXAM not done yet)
Lluis Del Cerro
Marek Pola
Pavlos Stampolidis

COURSE #1/0106

Antonio Martín Gomez
Pedro Sousa
John Coughlan
Stephen Murphy
Stephen Naughton
Michael Hermes

Regards
Peter Nielsen
Division Director VATEUD1
Division Training Director VATEUD2

VATUK United Kingdom Division.
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Staff Changes

Some changes took place with the UK staff in April. Chris Norman has taken swapped from being the London FIR Chief to Military Operations Director; Matthew Lewis joins the staff as FIR Chief. Matt brings a wealth of

knowledge to the position and plans are already well in hand for a restructure of the London airspace to align it more closely with what is in place real world.

Cross the Pond

Cross the pond took event place in March and was a huge success. Hundreds of pilots flew from Heathrow, Manchester and Glasgow to destinations in the USA and Canada. This was a real team effort from many members in the division. One of our members, Anthony Lawrence, designed the website – including the bookings page. The whole event was pulled together by our events director, Matt Hardman who worked very closely with VATUSA. All in all it was a huge success and the return leg is already in the planning stages for later in the year.

Training

The GRP is finally bedding in. We have some students nearly ready to take exams at the new ratings. We have been very busy with training and mentoring. We conducted a training evening for controllers who were interested in giving Surveillance Radar Approaches – this was well attended and certainly improved some skills.

Pilot Training

In conjunction with Cross the Pond we organised a pilot training session on Oceanic procedures – this was attended by around 20 pilots – we had some great feedback from those who attended. Many have said that it helped them greatly on the day of the event. We are making changes to our controlling training section of our website that will mean the pilots can also book training through our automated system with one of the pilot mentors – this will make the process of training pilots much easier and they will have check sheets that each pilot mentor can update.

Kind regards,

Simon Irvine
Director VATSIM-UK VATUK1
Vatsim Network Supervisor

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VATRUS Russia Division

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MEMBERSHIP MANAGER:

No Staff changes

EVENT COORDINATOR:

As autumn and spring are the most active seasons for VATRUS, the first quarter of 2008 as usually was full of interesting events. First of all there were various international flyins and events. Due to geographical location of our Division we continue to work with our foreign colleagues. And now, supporting of international events is common practice for our controllers. Also we held some domestic events from Kamchatka to Ekaterinburg. And as usual the most active are Moscow and Rostov FIRs.

And now several words about our new tradition- 24h ATC service.

Within the division we try to organize such events at least twice per year, and every time we have only positive feedback for such type of events. The last event was the "Clock round flyin". From 11Z, March 29 more than 30 top rated ATC controllers were providing first quality ATC service for more than 24 hours. It was a great challenge for all VATRUS staff, pilots and controllers. For the upcoming summer we are planning to increase quantity of events, especially at south regions of our division. So, we will be waiting for you.

Yuri Trunov
VATRUS1



VATAME REPORTS



Division Report

29/04/2008

Staff

Director- André de Waal

Membership Manager-Jacques Malan

Events Manager- Adrian Bardenhorst

Info Manager-Terrence Dare

Members- 290

Since 2005 November our division has it up's and down's, fortunately we manage to overcome some of these problems. I take over from Mr Fred Mc Donald on 1 August 2007, since August 2007 I must report that training was back on coarse and we already deliver very professional ATC staff. We closely follow real world procedures with the courtesy of ATNS South Africa.

I am also proud to announce that due to some involvement of real world pilots we set-up a very good training program for pilots in VATSAF. We have a monthly Radio Telephony Coarse with a theoretical exam; follow up with an ATC coarse with its exam.

Implementing these courses help us building interest in VATSAF for those individuals who wants to improve their knowledge in aviation. We also try to be as active as much as possible during the week and follow up every weekend with online events in the division.

As a division we cater for every one online try to establish a friendly environment. The VATSAF staff is very mush involve in training and communicate on a regular base with the members. We already have our second members meeting in March 2008, witch was very successful and 18 members were at the meeting.

As a VATSIM Division of Africa we seeing forward and hopefully grow day by day.

André de Waal

VATSAF Director

VATSIM ID- 883848

1) About Vacc-Morocco/Algeria - Two years after opening, never energy has been so low - Lost one controller since two months, and since we were only four of us, we remain three only (two of which are very pessimist about future...my deputy director and myself !). No more traffic, less controlling hours... Both FIRs appear rather dead than alive... I envisage closing the Vacc if things remain in such a state by the end of the year...

2) About North Africa division - Spent few hours controlling on AFRN_FSS - Rather disappointing ! - Pilots often don't answer to controller calls since they are often out of cockpit.

3) All files for controllers in Northern and Central Africa divisions are ready on <http://vatame.vacc-morocco.org/index.html> and waiting for downloading on VATAME Web site.

On a more general manner, Vatsim seems to be at its worst level since 6 years when I registered on it. Supervisors on line become more and more seldom seen...Pilot skills and seriousness seem to be really decreasing.

At VATAME headquarters level, I regret deeply a lack of communication. We don't have enough news about our respective sectors and mail exchanges on our activities. Things seem to stagnate. We must be more often on line if we want to get more feedback (this is also true for myself, and it's not a reproach but a fact). VATAME Web site has not been refurbished and is still presenting the same old information (mainly at the download level, often out of date) than nine months ago... Nothing has really changed there ...

Regards.

Bernard Candela

VATNAF director



VATCAF Division Report
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Division Staff:

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This is the first report from VATCAF submitted to VATAME. This report will be brief as the division is still under development.

VATCAF is enjoying increased interest from both pilots and potential new vACC's under development.

VATSIM's hit squad project for vACC Kenya is underway and still in R&D phase. Interest in establishing ATC service is also occurring in Zambia, Ghana and Angola.

vACC DRC continues to set the example for quality ATC service in Central Africa. The vACC now features weekly events, 2 active virtual airlines and an established roster of experienced controllers. A new Virtual Airline is set to launch this month as well. VATDRC is full of dedicated controllers and staff that continue to attract activity in VATCAF.

VATCAF is still lacking vital recourses to fully implement our expansion and daily operation:

** VATCAF has no resident supervisor rated controller on the staff to properly supervise the network.
** VATCAF has no full time instructor rated controller to assist in training and certification. We currently use instructors from other divisions to administer testing at this time.
** VATCAF has no true cert or admin privileges to maintain the network.
** VATCAF area charts and procedures are not readily available which presents a huge challenge to vACC development.

VATCAF directors are currently updating the controller policies and rules for Central Africa and will likely mirror other divisions with the exception of local procedures relevant to controlling in Central Africa. Currently, our ATC services exceed the standards of our real world counterparts. A dedicated web site will also be established as soon as resources permit.

The hit squad's activities have not been directly communicated with the VATCAF Director. Although some members of the hit squad are VATSIM admins, I am not sure if there is a formal process, and if they need or want to interact with VATCAF Division Staff.

Vacant positions within VATCAF will be posted on the VATSIM forums soon once the web site is up and hosted.

Complaints and resolutions:

There have been no issues forwarded to the Director at this time.

I will provide updates to VATAME as they happen.

Best Regards,
Thomas Mathieu
Director
VATCAF

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We are switching from a vACC to a FIR model so is to allow maximum flexibility with our ATC resources; by subjugating them only to vACCs we are limiting the scope of our ATC potential and thus the FIR model will give us better results.

We are continuing to train new ATC and are beginning recruiting efforts in the real world. Our RW counterparts in Jordan will place newspaper advertisements soon regarding VATSIM Middle East; more to come soon (as well as a clipping once I get one).

Preparing a new website; more to come on this soon!

That's all for now! Not too much going on, just the same ol' same ol'.

Mahmoud Fadli

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