



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF VATSIM

HELD ON TEAMSPEAK ON SATURDAY 29th JANUARY 2011

MEETING OPENED at 12:11 hours UTC

PRESENT:

- Bryan Wollenberg (BW) (Regional Director - VATSIM North America) EC Chairman
- Mark Richards (MR) (Regional Director - VATSIM Oceania) – Meeting Chair & Minutes
- Daniel Abellá (DA) (Regional Director - VATSIM South America)
- Kyprianos Biris (KB) ((Regional Director - VATSIM Europe)
- Ilan Jonas (IJ) (Regional Director - VATSIM Africa Middle East)
- Deepan Mehta (DM) (Regional Director - VATSIM Asia)
- Roland Collins (RC) (Vice President - Regions)
- Thomas George (TG) (Deputy Regional Director - VATSIM Europe)

APOLOGIES:

Nil

WELCOME:

- Bryan and the EC welcomed Daniel Abellá who has recently been appointed to the Executive Committee as Regional Director of South America and Thomas George who was recently appointed as Deputy Regional Director of VATSIM Europe.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting on 20th November 2010 were taken as read and accepted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Supervisor Application Process: RC – Roland took this to the BoG after the last meeting. Roland raised this again at BoG meeting and is the matter is still being progressed. Unfortunately there was still no update at the time of the meeting.

ACTION: Roland will follow up with the BoG to get this sorted and report back at the meeting.

Update to the GRP Appendix for Major Airports and Special Centres: BW – The updated GRP has been circulated to the EC including amendments to Appendix B and additions of Paragraph 6.8 and a new section 7.

Moved: Bryan Wollenberg; Seconded: Mark Richards

*That the amended Global Ratings Policy as circulated be approved. **CARRIED.***

EC Access to Uploading Information to the VATSIM Website: RC – Richard called on the VPs to get Bryan access so that he can upload minutes etc from the EC. Bryan has been given access but is still can't upload files so can't post the EC minutes. Roland believes that this should have been done so Bryan will test and liaise with Florian directly.

Deputy Regional Director Voting Rights: RC – The purpose of the DRD is to give day-to-day backup for the RD. There have been some meetings where the DRD has been present at the EC meeting when the RD has not been able to present. EC will prepare a Standing Order to ensure a quorum is made from each Region with voting rights.

ACTION: MR to draft a Standing Order and report back by the meeting.

REGION REPORTS:

NORTH AMERICA: BW – Everything is well within the NA Region. New sign-ups have increased fairly drastically this quarter, after stagnation in past quarters. Controller promotions are up, and training seems to be efficient throughout the Region. VATNA will soon be working with VATEUD on the promotion of ATC in Greenland, and will also be starting a joint project with VATEUD regarding upcoming controller/pilot surveys. It is currently in the planning phase..

AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST: IJ – Change of Directors – North Africa DD has stepped down; the Division has low activity so has merged North and Central Africa Divisions into one Division. Good cooperation with the VATSIM AME and VATEUD for assistance with Controller training.

EUROPE: KB/TG – Thomas has been appointed as Deputy Regional Director and Kyp is excited about working with Thomas to share the responsibilities for the Region. VATEUD has become an ATO for Pilot Training. Has been a tough road for them to get this completed but Kyp is very pleased to see that this has now come to fruition. VATEUD is reviewing their training and assessment methods to ensure that they continue to be GRP2

compliant. Thomas acknowledged the work of the team who got VATEUD recognised by VATSIM as an ATO.

SOUTH AMERICA: DA – Only been appointed as RD for a fortnight but already busy. Two Division Directors stepped down so Daniel is recruiting in the same manner that the BoG uses. Looking forward to appointing the new DDs so that he can concentrate on improving the quality of processes in the region, especially for communications with members, Controller Training and bringing new members on board.

ASIA: DM – Still getting to know the Region. Korea has had a change of Division Director but he had to step down shortly after his appointment so Korea is being redeveloped to stabilise the Division. Philippines have a new website and have a new vACC lead and are moving their training to Moodle. Japan DD has elected to remain on as a DD which is excellent. India's DD has stepped down and been replaced already and there are some other appointments to follow. Thailand is struggling to find sufficient mentors for new trainee Controllers. The RCRP has been restructured, William Woo remains the chair.

OCEANIA: MR – No issues within the Region. Another successful Worldflight was held in November and this saw a lot of money raised for various charities around the world. On 31 October 2010, Europe Region and the France vACC and VATSIM Oceania created the South Pacific vACC which is the first inter-Regional cooperating vACC. Signups for the Region are up slightly quarter over the previous quarter.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

HIT SQUAD – BW – Questioned whether the Controller Hit Squad still existed. Roland stated that he believes it is still going and that a new Hit Squad Leader was about to be appointed.

ACTION: RC will follow up on this and report back

MEETING CLOSED at 13:49 hours UTC

NEXT MEETING is to be held at 14:00 hours UTC on Saturday 16th April 2011 on Teamspeak.

REGION REPORTS



Quarterly Report to the VATSIM Executive Committee

January 29, 2011

VATUSA:

Most ARTCC vacancies have been filled. There are still several open, and they are expected to be filled soon. All positions at ZLA have been filled. Thank you to Ian Elchitz and Mike Cassel for their extraordinary service! Curley Bryant has decided to remain as the ATM of Seattle.

VATUSA continues to host some of the network's largest events and has many planned for 2011. Of particular interest is the FNO series of events, which continues to attract a large amount of pilots on a weekly basis. There is discussion of altering the FNO format slightly to offer new variety for the famous series.

New Sign-ups to VATUSA are again considerably up this quarter. Controller promotions were up as well.

VATUSA is still awaiting official comment from the BOG regarding the off-peak ratings and their usage within VATUSA.

VATUSA is extremely dissatisfied with the current Training and Assessment GRP Review taking place. VATNA shares the sentiment and has been working to address issues with the review.

VATCAN:

The Management Action Group was put in place to examine the organizational issues of VATCAN, specifically related to training. The MAG continues to be a valuable asset to the Division.

We are awaiting further statistics regarding the ATO, but pilot ratings and participation in the program continue to soar.

VATCAN generally noted that traffic levels are low, and something needs to be done to remedy the situation. There are talks in place of creating weekly recurring events, similar to the VATUSA Friday Night Ops series. We are looking into hosting combined events between VATCAN and VATUSA to further traffic levels as well.

We need to get these guys and gals some traffic!!! Canada is a beautiful place to fly, and the controllers there are top-notch. Go check out their services for yourselves, and enjoy the airspace.

VATCAN recently created its first Letter of Agreement between YWG and ZMP.

New sign-ups for VATCAN are up considerably this quarter, as are ATC promotions.

VATCAN continues to grant VATSIM Pilot Ratings through its excellent ATO program.

VATMEX:

Staffing of Mexican airspace has been increased dramatically in the recent months, however is down recently. Their controllers are still looking for increased levels of traffic, and we hope that some planned international events will help in this regard.

VATMEX reports no staff vacancies and no pending or outstanding issues.

New sign-ups have decreased slightly over last quarter.

Talks are in progress in regards to events and increasing controller staffing in the area. We need more events and traffic in VATMEX!!!

VATCAR:

VATCAR staffing levels have also been quite good in the previous quarter.

New sign-ups have increased in Q4.

The majority of open positions within VATCAR have been filled. VATCAR's Iron Mic competition continues to draw staffing and traffic.

Events are continually being planned for VATCAR.

Statistical Membership Data

VATUSA

New sign-ups this quarter: 2,561

Total Membership

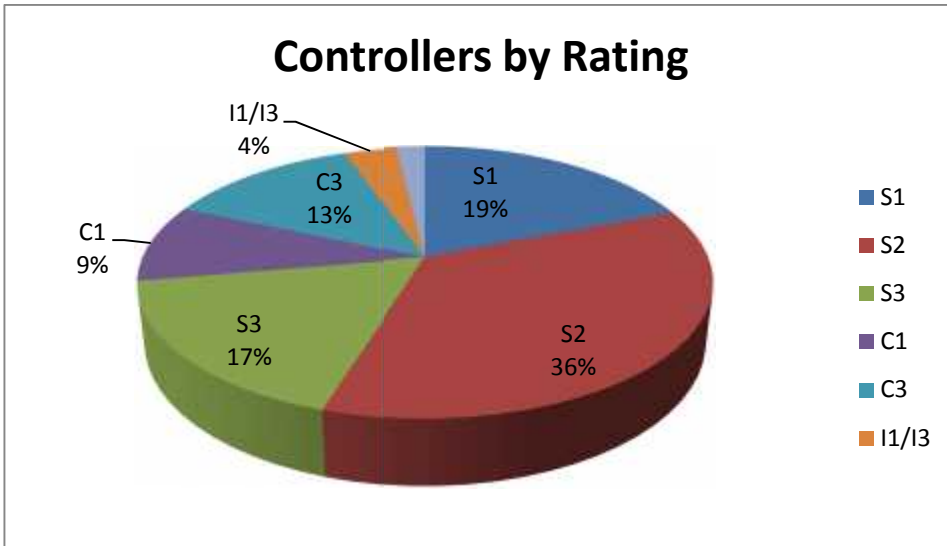
Pilot/OBS: 17,379

S1: 570

S2: 952

S3: 483
C1: 257
C3: 361
I1/I3: 100
Other: 55

Total Controller Force: 2,778



VATCAN

New sign-ups this quarter: 348

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 2714

S1: 109

S2: 52

S3: 70

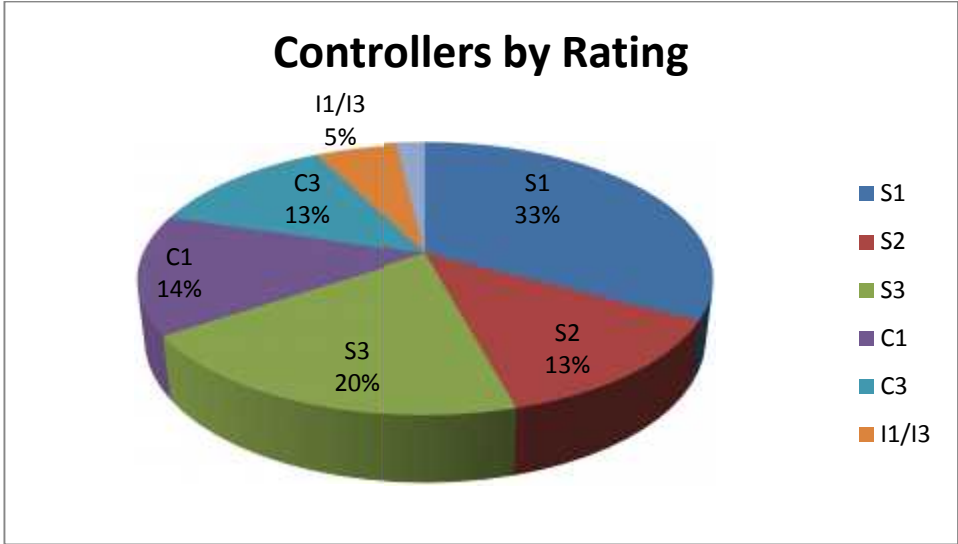
C1: 54

C3: 45

I1/I3: 20

Other: 7

Total controller force: 357



VATMEX

New sign-ups this quarter: 67

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 658

S1: 5

S2: 18

S3: 22

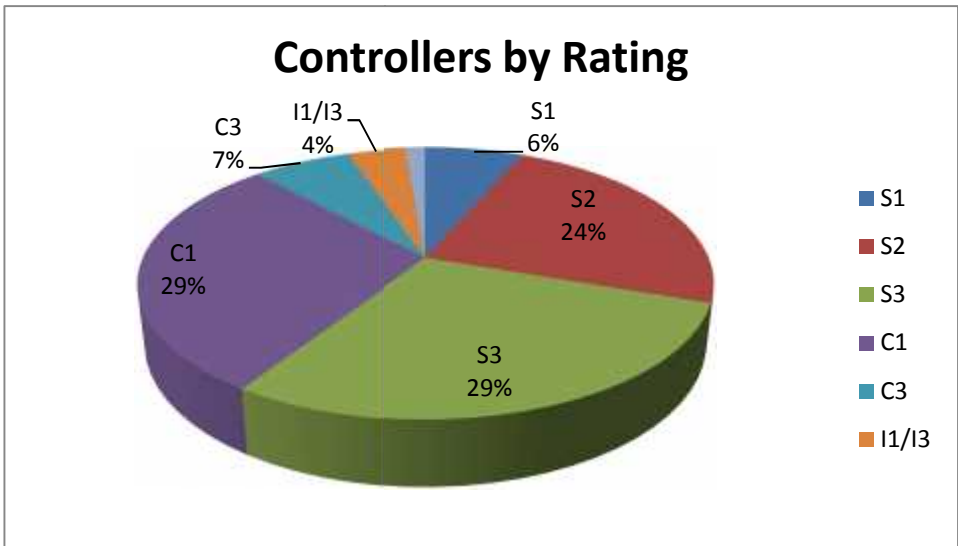
C1: 21

C3: 5

I1/I3: 3

Other: 1

Total Controller Force: 75



VATCAR

New sign-ups this quarter: 131

Total Membership

Pilot/OBS: 587

S1: 35

S2: 20

S3: 30

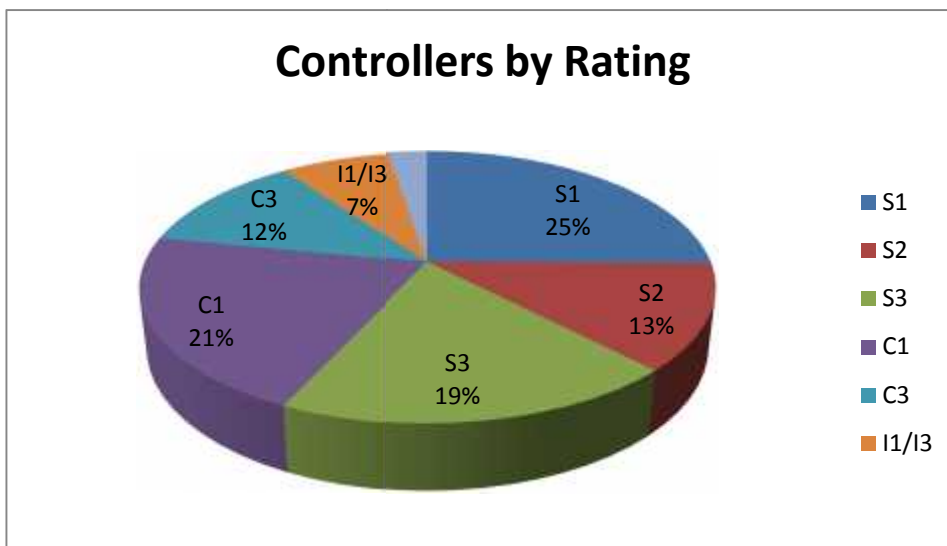
C1: 32

C3: 18

I1/I3: 10

Other: 4

Total Controller Force: 149



Training

All divisions except one have seen an increase in controllers and sign-ups during Q4 2010. Controller promotions are generally up across the board. All Divisions have met or exceeded established VATNA training goals and continue to perform at an acceptable level in regards to controller training. VATNA would like to see an increase in S3 ratings within all Divisions. There is a notable void between the S2 and S3 rating, and VATNA is working with other VATSIM staff to resolve the issue. The problem is not limited to VATNA and is seen throughout VATSIM.

We are continually striving to increase efficiency and effectiveness in moving controllers from the OBS to S1 rating.

VATNA is working on a survey for its members, specifically relating to training and efficiency, and another survey targeting inactive members. At this point, it is only technical details that are preventing the survey from going live. VATNA has plans to work with VATEUD to complete the survey and produce worldwide results that can be applied to VATSIM as a whole.

VATNA has again published amongst VATSIM Staff, updated promotion/training/retention statistics for both VATNA and the rest of the VATSIM Regions. Consistencies are noted across the board, and avenues are being pursued for resolving deficiencies, particularly those related to controller and pilot retention. Pilot retention is a major issue, while VATNA is reasonably satisfied with controller retention.

Concerns

VATNA continues to monitor the issuance of ratings.

--- From Last Quarter ---

VATNA (and specifically VATUSA) is concerned with a recent interpretation of the GRP regarding off-peak ratings. It is our understanding that the issue is being addressed amongst the BOG and Founders, thanks to Richard Jenkins.

--- End ---

VATNA is awaiting an official update on this matter.

Airspace and Procedures

VATNA and VATEUD are attempting to determine how to better staff Greenland. It really is a lovely place to control and fly, but it is presently very lonely, and could use some pilots and controllers to keep it company. Want to try it out? Greenland falls under an "OpenSky" agreement between VATEUD and VATNA. Learn the airspace, and have a blast controlling a great piece of virtual sky!

Other

VATNA is pleased to announce that 170 of its members have received pilot ratings. The number has doubled since last quarter. That is almost 10 times the number of ratings received by the next highest Region. Continue to support the Pilot Ratings Program!

Promotions and sign-ups also continue for the Pacific Oceanic Partnership.



VATSIM Oceania

Quarterly Report to the Executive Committee

Q4 2010

This has been a busy quarter for VATSIM Oceania with the Region playing host to the start and end of the 10th Anniversary of Worldflight. Once more this year saw a record number of flight movements supporting Worldflight with in excess of fifty flights flying the first leg from Sydney (Australia) to Nadi (Fiji) with excellent gate-to-gate ATC services both from local controllers at home and from the Worldflight HQ ATC Centre in Sydney. Seven days and many many flight miles later and the skies of Australia were filled as the flights entered the Region into Darwin and then onto Townsville, Brisbane and ending up back in Sydney. I was fortunate once more to participate in the event myself for a few days on Nic D'Alessandro's Boeing 737 based in Hobart, Australia and our Deputy Regional Director, Jeff Smith, spent many an hour assisting all over the globe on the other side of the radar scope. Another successful Worldflight and another great fundraiser for a large number of charities across the world.

I am pleased to report that VATSIM Oceania and VATSIM Europe have worked in partnership to successfully establish the **South Pacific vACC Pacific Sud** on 31 October 2010. This vACC is set up as a partnership to promote ATC and Flying around the Pacific Ocean, especially into less frequently visited/controlled countries such as Tahiti, Fiji, Vanuatu, Noumea etc. It has been particularly important to work with VATSIM Europe due to several areas in the Pacific being under French rule and being French speaking. This work has been tirelessly coordinated under the leadership of Dr Jackson Harding, VATPAC's Deputy Division Director. The SPvACC website at <http://www.spvacc.org> contains valuable resources available in both French and English. Le site SPvACC <http://www.spvacc.org> comporte des ressources disponibles en français et en anglais.

During the quarter 273 members joined VATSIM Oceania, an increase from the 258 who joined last quarter. All new members joining VATSIM and selecting Oceania or members transferring into VATOCE are now assigned to one division or the other.

2011 will be a busy year in VATSIM Oceania with a number of new initiatives planned to promote flying and controlling in our part of the VATSIM world.

Mark Richards
Regional Director
17 January 2011



VATPAC Quarter 4 - 2010 Report

The last quarter in VATPAC is always highlighted by the Annual WorldFlight week, which this year commenced in Sydney on the 1st of November, involving Matt Sheil's B747 Simulator in Sydney and Nic D'Alessandro's B737 Simulator in Hobart. As with other years, this event was a great success with many people joining in from home to make in particular flights within Australia extremely busy, having controllers work very hard to keep the blips separated.

VATPAC has introduced a pre-book system within the division. Thanks for the work of Jake, Greg and the IT department, VATPAC is able to take bookings from controller and pilot positions direct from the website. The platform is supported by vRoute, however this system allows people to book direct without needing to download the vRoute software – it is viewable at

http://vatpac.org/cms/index.php?option=com_bookings&view=bookings&Itemid=136

One of the most exciting things in the quarter was the Opening of South Pacific vACC Pacifique Sud. Together with the France vACC, the division has launched a joint vACC, which covers both the Tahiti and Nadi FIR regions. This allows controllers from Oceania and Europe to control using correct French procedures, as well as allowing visiting controllers from around the world. This joint venture is a first in VATSIM and so far has been quite successful, the announcement is at <http://vatpac.org/forums/showthread.php?12787-Opening-of-South-Pacific-vACC-Pacifique-Sud&daysprune=365>

The Division has also announced that the VATOCE conference will be held in Sydney on July 23rd 2011. Expect more in this over the next few months.

We had some changes to staff during this period, the resignation of Steven Brown from the Director of Events position, saw David Neil return to this position as the Events and Communications Director. We also appointed our first deputy director, namely Aaron Cooper as Deputy Director of Training.

Shannon Wells

Division Director

24 January 2011



VATSIM New Zealand

Quarterly Report to the Regional Director

Q4 2010

The fourth quarter of 2010 has been a successful period for VATNZ. Despite the improving weather and the holiday season, flight and controller activity has remained strong.

Membership growth has continued, with a number of the controllers who join the division earlier in the year now progressing to the higher ratings.

Morale among staff and non-staff members alike is good.

Staff Changes

No staff changes

Division staff remained unchanged throughout this quarter.

Events Director Position

The VATNZ board agreed a proposal to seek an Events Director to have overall responsibility for the planning and facilitation of events within the division. This position will be advertised early in the New Year.

Training

The division's Training department has seen continued growth and development. The number of students progressing through the division's training programme to more senior ranks continues to increase and we have seen some continue as far as the Oceanic endorsement.

Membership

There were 46 new members who joined VATNZ and become active during this quarter.

There were 18 VATNZ members who provided ATC in VATNZ airspace during the quarter.

There were 112 VATNZ members who flew in VATNZ airspace during the quarter.

Overall there were 113 VATNZ members who were active in VATNZ airspace during the quarter.

Events

December saw the successful hosting of another Cross the Ditch event in conjunction with VATPAC. As well as contributing a large number of pilots to the event, VATNZ had multiple layers of active ATC throughout the sixteen hour run.

This quarter also saw planning for VATNZ's first Ice Event, to be held in early January, which will entail staffing ATC positions in Christchurch and McMurdo sector to facilitate flights to and from Antarctica. Deputy Division Director, Leon Gibbs has taken the lead organising this event.

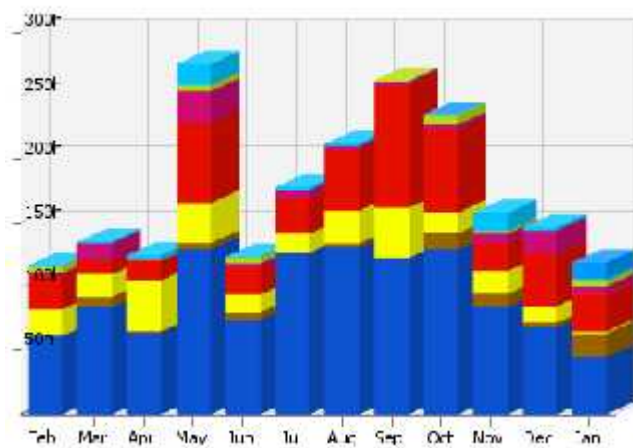
Activity

Q4 typically sees local activity within the region decline as the summer weather and holiday season creates other constraints on members' time. This is reflected in the ATC activity numbers that in November and December eased back from the highs of the winter months. Despite this, October was the third busiest month of 2010 for controller hours.

October and December were the two busiest months of 2010 for flight hours, in part reflecting the increased number of overseas pilots exploring the region during the Northern Winter.

One important factor for both statistics is the series of DOS attacks on the VATSIM infrastructure during the period which resulted in flight and ATC hours going unreported. This had a significant impact on the VATNZ stats for December as the stats server was offline for the entirety of the Cross the Ditch 3 major event. Had this not occurred the flight hours for December would have been approximately 400-500 hours higher, and the controller hours another 50-60 hours higher.

VATNZ ATC Activity by Airspace



VATNZ Flight Activity by Category

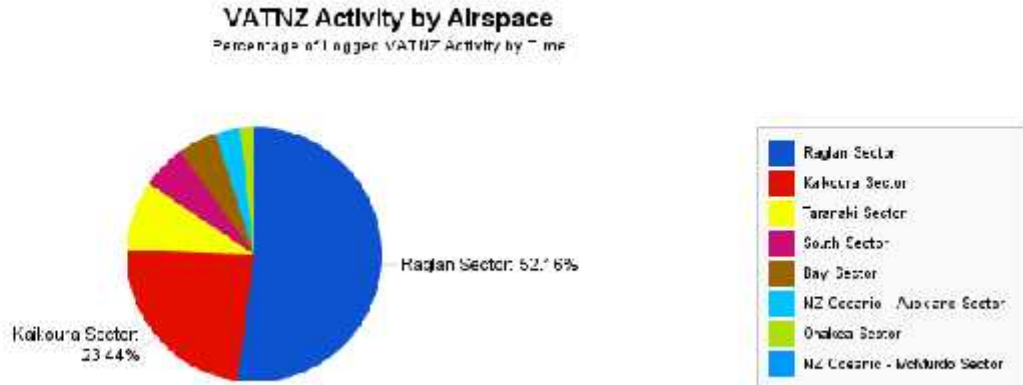


Airspace

As usual, the Raglan Sector has been the most frequently manned position with Kaikoura and Taranaki sectors in second and third places. The major trend was an increase in the share of controller hours logged in the less-commonly staffed sectors, particularly Bay Sector.

Airspace Summary

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



#	Airspace	Name	Sessions	Time Online	%
1	NZCH-R_CTR	Raglan Sector	268	281h 56m	52.16
2	NZCH-K_CTR	Kaikoura Sector	116	176h 42m	23.44
3	NZCH-T_CTR	Taranaki Sector	50	47h 42m	8.83
4	NZCH-S_CTR	South Island - South Sector	21	30h 39m	5.67
5	NZCH-B_CTR	Bay Sector	25	26h 40m	4.94
6	NZZO_FSS	NZ Oceanic - Auckland Sector	10	16h 17m	3.10
7	NZOH_CTR	Chatham Sector	22	9h 58m	1.85
8	NZCM_FSS	NZ Oceanic - McMurdo Sector	1	3m	0.01
8	Airspaces		522	540h 32m	

Position Type

The Position Type distribution has reverted to a bias towards Approach and Enroute control positions, which these two types making up approximately 45% of total controller hours each. This is a reflection of the continued progression of new students through the division's ATC training regime to the higher ratings.

Position Type Summary - Q4 2010

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)	206	253h 43m	46.94
2	Approach (APP)	251	239h 02m	44.22
3	Tower (TWR)	54	36h 25m	6.74
4	Oceanic Control (FSS)	5	6h 15m	1.16
5	Ground (GND)	5	4h 44m	0.88
6	Clearance Delivery (DEL)	1	20m	0.06
7	position types	522	540h 32m	

Flights

The majority of flights continue to involve the three main New Zealand airports. This is a reflection of the real-world traffic levels.

Flight activity for Pago Pago in American Samoa (NSTU) was particularly strong, accounting for the fourth highest portion of overall flight movements, predominantly due to staging flights between the northern hemisphere and Christchurch for the summer's Antarctic programme.



- **Note:** Flight Activity is only included if the flight passes through VATNZ airspace.
- **Note:** Flight Time Rankings are based upon flight time that occurs within VATNZ airspace; not total flight time.

#	Airport	Flights	% of All Flights	Average Duration	Arrivals	Arr/Dep Ratio	Departures	Internal	Int/Ext Ratio	External
1	NZAA	1265	28.01	3h 16m	713		552	534		631
2	NZCH	927	20.53	3h 00m	464		463	563		274
3	NZWN	449	9.94	1h 34m	230		219	383		56
4	NSTU	158	3.50	4h 42m	30		75	66		72
5	NZQN	139	3.08	1h 45m	61		75	119		20
6	NCRG	117	2.48	3h 04m	53		49	72		40
7	NZHN	93	2.06	53m	46		47	89		4
8	NZPM	92	2.04	1h 06m	48		44	91		1
9	NZDN	70	1.55	1h 26m	35		35	70		
10	NZWB	69	1.53	54m	31		38	69		

Summary

Q3 2010 has been good one for VATNZ. Healthy levels of flight activity and sustained controller participation indicates that VATNZ remains in a strong and healthy position heading into the new decade.

Nick Johnston
DIVISION DIRECTOR

16th January 2011



VATIND Q4 Division report OCT-DEC 2010

Division Staff:

Director: Tanveer Yasser (1009883) mdtanveer@gmail.com [C3]

Deputy Director: Nitin Mohan (1167883) nitin.mohan08@gmail.com [S3]

Director Events: Jwalant Swadia (1153626) jwalant_7@yahoo.com [S3]

Director Projects: Ashish Singh (1091853) urbanstructures@gmail.com [S1]

Rajkoti Reddy (1098833) has stepped down from division directorship in December 2010 and Tanveer Yasser (1009883) was appointed by the VATIND board in consultation with Asia RD as the new VATIND division director. The vacancy was announced on the VATSIM forums , and a selection panel processed the applications to nominate Tanveers name to the VATIND board .

Membership:

Rating	Title	Count
P0	Pilot/Observer	520
S1	GROUND Controller	13
S2	TOWER Controller	7
S3	TMA Controller	7
C1	En-route Controller	9
C3	Senior Controller	3
I1	Instructor	1
I3	Senior Instructor	0
SUP	Supervisor	0
ADM	Administrator	1
Total		561

New members in Q4 2010: 70

Training Status:

Since departure of Rajkoti Reddy who also handled training activities, the new DD has taken up training CTR students and appointed mentors to handle S1, S2 and S3 training. There is a need for recruiting a new TD and a recruitment process is planned for completion by Q1 2011.

GRP2 Status:

VATIND is fully GRP2 compliant.

Events:

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE [Nov 27 1400Z - 1600Z]

A TRIBUTE TO OUR ARMED FORCES [Dec 11th 1400z - 1600z]

The present event director has not been very active over the two quarters – much of the event activities emanated from the outgoing division director. Communication with present events director is underway to address the situation.

Conclusion:

The recent changeover is not expected to reduce division activity in any significant manner. There have been several Iron Mic attempts as VABB_APP and this is expected to continue. . VATIND has won 3 iron mic's in Q4 2010 two for TWR and one for APP



//VATJPN Q4 report From 1/Oct/2010 to 31/Dec/2010//

1. The staff of VATJPN.

- *Division Director-----VATJPN1 Keisuke Yamane
- *Deputy DD-----VATJPN2 VACANT
- *DCRM-----VATJPN3 Kimio Tomofuji
- *ATM-----VATJPN3 Kimio Tomofuji
- *Deputy ATM-----VATJPN5 Keisuke Nakayama
- *Events Director-----VATJPN7 Akihiro Fujii
- *Deputy Events Director----VATJPN8 Amorette Yan
- *Deputy Events Director----VATJPN9 McGinty Neil

2. VATJPN held BEGINNER'S EVENTS every month.

EVENT WEBSITE

Oct/ http://www.vatjpn.org/event/beginner/rjaarink/evepage_aank.html

Nov/ http://www.vatjpn.org/event/beginner/rjbrjom/evepage_bbom.html

Dec/ http://www.vatjpn.org/event/beginner/rjfrjoa/evepage_ffoa.html

16/Oct/2010 ,

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1391&forum=7

20/Nov/2010 ,

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1411&forum=7

18/Dec/2010 ,

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1425&forum=7

There were participation of around 20-30 traffics every time.

These were effective for fixing shy beginners to VATSIM.

VATJPN will continue this project in future.

3. VATJPN held regular events every month.

East Meets West

http://www.vatjpn.org/event/regular_e.html

<http://www.vatjpn.org/event/regular.html>

23/Oct/2010 ,

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1398&forum=7

27/Nov/2010 ,

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1416&forum=7

25/Dec/2010 ,

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1430&forum=7

There were participation about 30-40 traffics every time.
Many non japanese pilots also participate in this event,
We think this is effective as opportunity of controller's study.
VATJPN will continue this project in future.

4. VATJPN held special events.

9/Oct "VATJPN&VATRUS event "

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1383&forum=7

There were participation about 30 traffics.

30/Oct "TYHOON EVENT"

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1384&forum=7

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1402&forum=7

We gathered 20 peoples("10 VATSIM members" and "10 non register people") at Narita city and enjoyed typhoon event together. There were participation about 30 traffics.
We used 2 VATSIM PR account.

6/Nov "Hot Spring Shuttle" with VATROC

http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=1406&forum=7

5. Pilot Resource Center

Update the VATJPN PRC in Japanese language.

<http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/prc/>

6. Controller Resource Center

Update VATJPN Controller Resource Center in Japanese.

<http://www.vatjpn.org/ja/modules/crc/>

7. Number of members

Total number of VATJPN members ----- 500.
Sign-up date is within 90days-----57.
Sign-up date is within 180days-----121.
Sign-up date is within 270days-----167.

8. Number of Controllers

Total number of controllers-----73.
Challenger of S2 written exam -----6.
S2 OJTrainee-----4.
Challenger of S3 written exam-----1.
S3 OJTrainee-----1.



VATKOR Division Quarterly Report

4th Quarterly Report, 2010

(Prepared by Alfred TangVATASIA2 with the assistance of VATKOR members)

Section 1 Staff

VATASIA is currently in the progress of reconstructing the management of VATKOR. A recruitment process for the Divisional Director position was conducted in late October, in which Mr. Younghun Choi was selected to be the new DD. However, in late November, Mr. Choi resigned from the DD position due to multiple reasons. Another round of recruitment is expected to be held in either January or February when the training and the document library of VATKOR are more organized. Recruitments for other management positions will ensue after a new DD is selected. Currently, technical support for the division, such as document and chart creation, is provided by active VATKOR members who have volunteered their time. VATASIA staff members maintain management role within the division until a new management structure is officially selected and ready to take over.

Section 2 – Membership The following members are under VATKOR division according to CERT server and have logged in for at least once in the past 90 days. This report is generated at UTC 0802z on January 14, 2011. PID Last Name First

Name Rating

Challenger of C1 written exam-----1.

C1 OJTrainee-----1.

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Keisuke Yamane / 811527
VATJPN DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR

932716	ko	sang ryeol	€1
1056151	kwon	Jun	€2
1062888	Jang	Sung Won	€3
835584	ki - tae	kim	€3
929771	SEO	young-ho	€3
975164	Lee	Dong Kyu	€3
813166	Chang-Min	Shin	C1
813388	LEE	Joon Hwan	C1
957682	-han	Joseph	C1
842155	kang	donggu	I1
845294	SO	TAESEON	I1
967977	-heo	Byoung-cheol	I1

994309 812868 907401	Song Choi Kim	ChiBoo Younghun Seok Hwan	I1 I3 I3
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Section 3 Training It is worth to mention that only Instructor So is actively taking part in his instructor duty. Attempts to contact the other instructors to remind them of their duty have been unsuccessful. The C1 controllers have not been actively participating either. Current plan is to gradually prepare the 3 active S3 controllers, Mr. Jang, Mr. Seo and Mr. Lee to become future instructors at VATKOR. Good progress towards their C1 promotion has been made in the past several months. In the meantime, they will serve as the mentor of the controllers at S2 and S1 levels. Ins. So, along with Ins. Tang from VATASIA and Mr. Arjun Murthy, a volunteer from Australia with C3 rating, will take an active role in the management of the training system and the handling of promotional exams.

Section 4 – GRP 2.0 Coherence The instructors and mentors will continue to ensure that all training and exams comply with all the requirements set forth by the GRP and all regulations of VATSIM.

Section 5 – Events No major events have been held since October 2010.

Section 6 – Further Comments A new website for the division <http://vatkor.net> has been set up by active VATKOR members. Construction is still in progress and is expected to be fully functional in the next few months. A login system by which VATKOR members can access all training materials has been set up. Mr So is painstakingly creating training materials for the division.



VATSIM People's Republic of China

DIVISION QUARTERLY REPORT-Q4

VATPRC-DM-PR-002

Oct 2010 to Jan 2011

STAFF LIST

Division Director	[VATPRC1] : Brendan Chen	943434
Deputy Director	[VATPRC2] : Jason Choi	1019205
Acting Training Director	[VATPRC3] : Alfred Tang	934809
DCRM	[VATPRC4] : Ke Luo	1159051
Event Coordinator	[VATPRC5] : Qing Li	1153596

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1 STAFF

1.1 Current Status

At this stage, VATPRC management team consists of five staff members. Each member is currently undertaking not only the management of the division, also division promotional, website maintenance and resource developmental tasks.

Division director is undertaking all controller training and promotion, as well as controller software development. Deputy division director is taking responsibility for regular website maintenance and update, as well as sector file update and development. The acting training director -also deputy regional director- has been rather occupied with regional level tasks, but he was able to work on the divisional training web; the OBS to S1 promotion course is now complete, with fine adjustments to be done. The DCRM has been quite busy with real world commitment, therefore very little time was available for divisional duties; even though, he is able spend some time for some division developmental strategic planning tasks. The event coordinator is actively organizing our weekly event Gallop Across China (GAC) as well as promoting our divisional events and communicating with neighboring divisions/vACCs to establish a healthy relationship for future event organization.

1.2 Positions

Current position outlines are as below:

Table 1: Current VATPRC staff list.

Position	Position Code	Name	CID
Division Director	VATPRC1	Brendan Chen	943434
Deputy Division Director	VATPRC2	Jason Choi	1019205
Acting Training Director	VATPRC3	Alfred Tang	934809
Division Conflict Resolution Manager	VATPRC4	Ke Luo	1159051
Event Coordinator	VATPRC5	Qing Li	1153596

1.3 Changes

Due to real world commitments, the Division Conflict Resolution Manager (DCRM) has expressed the intention to resign his duties, and is currently seeking for a new VATPRC DCRM. An internal nomination was raised and a suitable

candidate is now under review, but for fairness, an advertisement will be posted.

Another potential divisional staff; Qing Li (1153596) - is currently under training as VATPRC event coordinator, and is under the supervision of deputy division director Jason Choi. Jason is currently responsible for all event coordination and organisation tasks within VATPRC. Once Qing Li is fully capable of organising and coordinating all domestic and international events of VATPRC, he will be officially announced as VATPRC Event Coordinator (VATPRC5).

All divisional staff is encouraged to hold a controller rating of C1 or above; staff that have yet to meet this criterion are encouraged to do so at the earliest time possible.

2 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Total Members

According to VATSIM CERT System, there are a total of 301 recorded members. 273 members holding Pilot/Observer rating, 10 student controllers (STU1), 2 student 1 controllers (STU2), 7 senior student controllers (STU3), 2 controllers (CTR1), 1 senior controller (CTR3), 1 instructor (INS), 1 supervisor (SUP) and 1 administrator (ADM).

2.2 Rating Membership

VATPRC currently has 22 rating members, one of which is a visiting controller and have been inactive for a significant amount of time and therefore no longer considered as a VATPRC controller. Table 2 illustrates all the controllers currently holding a ranking of Student and above, including instructors and supervisors:

2.3 New Members since August

According to VATSIM CERT System, as of 11th January 2011, there are a total of 123 new members joined VATPRC since 1st October 2010. Most of them are still holding a Pilot/Observer rating and have not yet expressed interest to become a controller. Approximately half of the members have not yet logged online yet.

3 GRP

3.1 Controller Promotions

Promotion of controllers at VATPRC are handled by Instructor Brendan Chen and Instructor Alfred Tang. Over the past 3 months, 5 students passed their

Table 2: Current VATPRC controller list.

Name	CID	Rating
Alfred Tang	934809	SUP
Brendan Chen	943434	INS
Johnny Yang	961794	CTR+
Jordan Chang	1019354	CTR
Ken Hui	1009972	CTR
William Lee	1126503	STU3
Jing Lu	1097301	STU3
Invoke Wong	1049522	STU3
Leo Wong	1049800	STU3
Dixin Yang	1083940	STU3
Jason Choi	1019205	STU3
Qing Li	1153596	STU3
Tony Hou	1093740	STU2
Gerald Kong	1090251	STU1
Chi Ho Lau	1107866	STU1
Kevin Lee	1059001	STU1
Jerry Du	1004114	STU1
Yu Fu	1142589	STU1
Ke Luo	1159051	STU1
Xingning Pang	1163892	STU1
Fiona Qin	1127648	STU1
Anning Wong	1107082	STU1

promotional exams, both in written form and Over-the-shoulder as required by GRP 2.0, and were trained for their newly promotional positions. We have ensured that the training process strictly adheres to the criteria per the GRP

2.0 and will continue to do so in the future.

3.2 Training Website

We are currently in the progress of transferring all written exam onto our Moodle Training platform. In the future when the transfer process is completed, students will be able to log onto Moodle and complete the written exam, which will be graded automatically by the system after the candidate submits the exam. After fully developing automated training system Our goal is to accelerate our training by developing an online learning platform where students can learn theoretical knowledge online. This reduces the workload of the instructors and will be a cure to the imbalance of instructors and students in the long run.

4 EVENTS

4.1 Over the Peaks: 18th Dec. 2010

On 18th December, 2010, VATPRC and Nepal FIR jointly hosted an event featured two airports with the airspace, Lhasa airport (ZULS) and Kathmandu airport (VNKT). During this extraordinary event, pilots flew over the Himalayas and enjoyed beautiful landscape. The turnout of this event was satisfactory about 15 fights and 7 controllers participated in the event. Both divisions agreed to plan for future events which will again feature airports within both divisions.

4.2 Gallop Across China (GAC): Weekly Event

VATPRC have already commenced our weekly event Gallop across China for a number of weeks, we were very glad to see more and more pilots joining our events. To improve the quality of experience for the pilots and controllers during our weekly events, for 2011, we have announced some amendments: Gallop Across China (GAC) will switch from flying a prescribed route between airports to a more fly-in type of format. In short, we shall provide full staff service to one airport per week at nominated time, pilots can choose their preferred route, no limits on origin, destination or distance. Hope this will bring another type of experience to participating pilots. In addition, we have nominated a list of aerodromes to feature during the first 13 weeks of the year: ZBAA - ZLLL - ZUCK - ZUUU - ZULS - ZPPP - ZGGG - ZJSY - VHHH - ZSAM - RCTP -ZSSS - ZSQD, and concluding back at ZBAA. Another news that we would like to share! VATSIM Republic of China (VATROC) and Hong Kong vACC from VATSEA (HKvACC) have also agreed to join in parts of the GAC event. Further details will be provided later.

5 NOTES/CONCLUSIONS

After a few months, traffic in VATPRC is growing slowly but steadily, I believe this could be improved. There were some suggestions as to how to improve quality of the controllers in VATPRC which are under review. The details of the suggestions will be discussed in the next report if we decide to carry the method out.

There were some interests from a member to become a staff of VATPRC, helping out with artistic and graphical works. This member is under probation now, and will decide whether a new staff position is to be assigned to him, or whether to let him be a developing staff.

VATROC Quarterly Report

Q4-OCT-DEC 2010

- STAFF
 - Division Director: Ming Lee(temporary)
 - Deputy Division Director: Yu Che Cheng
 - Training Director: (vacant)
 - DCRM: Tony Yao
 - Webmaster: Peter Lee (military service)

- Membership
 - 3 *Senior Instructors
 - 4 *Instructors
 - 3 *Senior controllers
 - 3 *Controllers
 - 8 *Student3
 - 12 *Student2
 - 1 *Student1
 - 416*pilot/obs

- GRP: No Change , VATROC is GRP compliant .

- Events
 - Regular domestic service on 2nd Saturday of the month.
 - Nov 6 “Hot Spring Shuttle” :Event between VATROC and VATJPN. Featured airports are RCSS and JFK.
 - Nov 20 “Freshmen’s night”: Domestic event for all new pilots and training ATC
 - Dec 18 “X’mas Rush”: Event between VATROC and Philippines vACC. Featured airports are RCKH and RPLL/RPLC.

- Conclusion
 - Situation is not improving. We’re still trying hard to make all ATCs’ skill sharp.

VATSIM South East Asia Quarterly Report Q4 (Nov 2010 – Jan 2010)

Division Staff

Division Director: Mr. Bowen CHAU

Deputy Division Director: Mr. Eugene LEE

Training Director: Mr. Terrance KAN

Division Conflict Resolution Manager: Mr. Gede B. MAHARTAPA

Webmaster: Mr. Jacky WAN

List of active virtual ACC (VACC Chief)

Hong Kong (Mr. Gary LAW)

Indonesia (Mr. Gede B. MAHARTAPA)

Philippines (Mr. Rick WILSON) Singapore
(Mr. Lester LEE)

Staff movement:

Mr. Reece HUNTER has stepped down from Philippines VACC and they have voted Mr. Rick WILSON to be the new Philippines VACC Chief.

Membership (VATSEA):

Total count: 1,315 records

Sign-up since 1 Nov 2010: 152 records (~ 11.56%)

Total controllers: 142 records (~ 10.78%)

Total controllers (S1): 33 records

Total controllers (S2): 48 records

Total controllers (S3): 25 records

Total controllers (C1 or above): 21 records Total
instructors: 13 records

Events:

Hong Kong VACC: World Flight 2010 Several virtual airlines events are organized by themselves, and each VACC has been involved to provide ATC coverage.

Training System:

Philippines VACC has almost completed their automated training system (Moodle) and it is expected to be online in February 2011.

Notes from Division

VATSIM South East Asia has gone through a fruitful 2010, while some of the VACC has tried to take part in some worldwide event including World Flight 2010. And Philippine has completed their restructuring and seems like it is more settled than before. Also, they have also tried their best to get their own training system online to attract more people to join as controllers. However, at the same time, Indonesia VACC has been cool down a little bit since most of the people there were affected by the volcano and they were

busy rebuilding their homes. VATSEA management team will not add more burdens on their shoulders at the moment. Luckily, all VATSIM people around that area are reported safe. Our training director has trying hard to push Vietnam VACC to be official and expected to be launched in 2011 Quarter 3. They have already done some promotion videos and VATSEA is now guiding them to complete their own website and SOP .We are looking forward to have another successful year in 2011..



Fourth Quarter Report 2010:

This is the fourth quarter (October to December)2010 report from the Division of Thailand.

Current Staff:

Status/position/name/changes done or current status

Active / Director / John Holt / None

Active / Deputy Director Patrik Yngver / None

Not Active / Training Services Manager / Position advertised no applications / Vacant

Active / DCRM / Richard Cole / None

Not Active / Airspace Operations Manager / Position advertised, 1 application, did not meet requirements / Vacant

Active / IT Director / Josh Webb / None

Not Active / Events Director / Position advertised no applications / Vacant

Membership:

Total Home members: 17

Total Visiting members: 26

Observer rating: 8

Student 1 rating: 0

Student 2 Rating: 4

Student 3 Rating: 1

Controller Rating: 1

Controller 3 Rating: 2

Instructor Rating: 1*

Senior Instructor Rating: 0

Supervisor Rating: 1*

* holds two ratings

VATSIM records for new joins: 14

Thailand's records for new joins: 2 Home, 4 Visiting

Thailand is complaint with GRP2

Thailand Division has one instructor and one mentor. Training program was designed and built by John Holt and updates and modifications still continue. We have 2 students in training. Status of training Division: More instructors are needed but no one is willing to step up and put in the time and take on the responsibility. Patrik Yngver is currently a C3 and Mentor. Patrik has been assisting me over the past quarter on

instructional needs. Patrik will be promoted to I1 in the near future. We have had three promotions in Thailand. Phill Knox one of our visiting controllers has tested passed and received full certification to control CTR in Thailand. Robin Elfving has received two promotions in the Quarter and is now a S2 rated controller currently training for his S3 rating.

Events:

Thailand has hosted 3 events since October 1st

1) Saturday Night Spotlight: On Saturday October 23rd the Thailand Division of VATSIM will held its Saturday Night Spotlight Event featuring SURAT THANI Airport.

2) Thailand Division also supported "World Flight 2010" on 11-6-10

Directors Notes/Conclusion:

That Thailand continues developing as a new Division. As of now I continue my best to provide instruction to students/ updated the sector files for Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, update training material along with SOP's and LOA's. Patrik started as a controller in Thailand. I trained him through the ranks up to his current rating C3/Mentor. Patrik then offered his help, applied and was hired as my Deputy Director. I am still teaching Patrik the position. Since Patrik has not held a previous Staff position it will take a bit longer for him to learn. I am also in the process of training him to be an instructor. If Patrik accepts he will become our second instructor. Josh, our IT director continues in improve our website and record keeping portions of the website. Josh has continued to improve our automated testing center and Statistic records section. We would not be able to maintain without Josh's help. In conclusion The Thailand division is just trying to stay afloat!!!

The Data on the following page was acquired from the Thailand Division Automated Stats program. It lists the home county of each controller (Where they actually live), Member Statics, Training Statistics and number of applications.

Country Statistics

France:	1
Australia:	3
Belgium:	1
Canada:	2
China:	1
Hong Kong:	3
Indonesia:	3
Malaysia:	1
Netherlands:	1

Member Statistics

Total Members:	59
Members as Staff:	4
Active Controllers:	42
On LOA:	2
Inactive/Removed:	15

Training Statistics

Total Sessions:	25
Total Session Hrs:	67.3
Total Tests Taken:	11

Philippines:	1	Basic SOP:	4
Singapore:	2	S1 / Ground:	5
Sweden:	3	S2 / Tower:	2
Thailand:	12	S3 / TMA:	0
United Kingdom:	1	C1 / Center:	1
United States:	9		
Viet Nam:	1		

Thailand Division Statistical Report
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Applications

Approved: 0 | Denied: 0 | Total: 6

VATSIM South America

Quarterly Report to the Executive Committee

Q4 2010

As a recently appointed Regional Director, I will focus this Quarterly report in statistics, divisional membership metrics and future projects pending a more complete report for the next quarter. I also include a brief VATSUR Executive Summary as i was the DD until my current role.

Our regional membership base has grown with 1392 members signed up over the quarter representing 16.75% of worldwide sign-ups.

Plans for the next quarter include the normalization of a hiring process for key divisional staff positions and to have all divisions fully staffed.

We are setting some challenges for the year that will make 2011 a very busy one in South America. We want to re-establish or strengthen communication channels with our members, improve processes, grow our membership base and provide world class, top quality processes region wide.

Regional Membership Statistics

Rating	12/31/10
Pilot/Obs	12521
Student 1	277
Student 2	125
Student 3	282
Controller 1	164
Controller 3	52
Instructor 1	32
Instructor 3	9
Supervisor	15
Administrator	1
Total Members	13478
Active in the Q	3451
Sign-Up in the Q	1392

Daniel Abellá
Regional Director

VATBRZ – Q4 2010 Divisional Report

With 819 sign-ups last quarter, these are VATBRZ breakdown key membership statistics:

VATBRZ	12/31/10
Pilot/Obs	6294
Student 1	183
Student 2	21
Student 3	196
Controller 1	68
Controller 3	25
Instructor 1	8
Instructor 3	1
Supervisor	3
Administrator	0
Total Members	6799
Active in the Q	1536
Sign-Up in the Q	819

Edson Felix
VATBRZ Interim Division Director

VATCA – Q4 2010 Divisional Report

VATCA has earned 45 members last Quarter. The following are our key membership statistics:

VATCA	12/31/10
Pilot/Obs	417
Student 1	15
Student 2	6
Student 3	6
Controller 1	3
Controller 3	3
Instructor 1	5
Instructor 3	6
Supervisor	0
Administrator	0
Total Members	461
Active in the Q	145
Sign-Up in the Q	45

Federico Navarro
VATCA Division Director

VATSUR – Q3/Q4 2010 Divisional Report

It was a great H here in VATSUR. This administration assumed the division at the end of June empty of staff. The first step was to redesign staff blueprint to adequate to actual challenges and strength key areas like Training. Then, a hiring process was launch and 5 Directors appointed (Training, ATC Instruction, Operations, Events&PR and IT).

The Staff started implementing a quick plan to recover basic functions that where needed and some mid-term projects to re-connect with our members and grow. Some of the most important are:

- Implementation of the S2 rating in our training application (course, exam and training process)
- GRPv2 alignment (training material, divisional and local examinations)
- VATSUR Blog Launch (www.vatsur.org/blog)
- New members welcome process

I would like to write some specifics about VATSUR Blog (www.vatsur.org/blog), as this was one of our most valuable projects in Q4.

We launch the blog on the Holidays with the intention of transform it in our principal communication channel with members. In this blog we share News about VATSUR, events information, most active pilot, controller and station monthly recognition, Iron Mic Awards recognition, Virtual Airlines interviews, Airports presentation, Tutorials and Editorials.

490 members joined us in Q4, and these are our key statistics:

VATSUR	12/31/10
Pilot/Obs	5771
Student 1	79
Student 2	98
Student 3	80
Controller 1	93
Controller 3	24
Instructor 1	19
Instructor 3	2
Supervisor	12
Administrator	1
Total Members	6179
Active in the Q	1689
Sign-Up in the Q	490

Daniel Abellá
VATSUR Division Director



VATSIM Europe Region Report

For the period November 2010 to January 2011

Region: Thomas George 827476 was appointed Deputy Region Director on January 24th 2011.

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Report to the EC

This is a brief overview of the situation in VATEUD as at the end of Q4 2010.

Training Department

vACC Support

A quiet end to 2010 having made great achievements during the year. FYR Macedonia continues to receive support from Divisional Training Staff and the local team are making great efforts in cooperation with nearby vACCs to get the area booming. It should be made clear in relation to this vACC given sensitivities around the name "Macedonia" that this developing vACC may use the contraction "MAC" in callsigns and other places where it is impractical to use the official name as recognised by the United Nations, but in all other situations the vACC should use "Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" as its title or the slight contraction "FYR Macedonia," "FYRM" or "FYRoM" elsewhere.

ATC Academy

The Instructor course continues to see rising demand with many vACCs submitting new candidates to the course. The division intends to review the course syllabus this year in cooperation with divisional training staff to improve engagement of candidates.

Eurotest

Lorenzo van de Pol is the current Eurotest Chief following great mentoring from Martin Rosenkjær who kindly returned to take the helm for an interim phase and still continues to support the team. Statistics for the S1, S2 and S3 tests at first attempt in their current format are as follows:

Test Set	First Test Taken	Passed	Failed	Pass/Fail Total
S1_GEN	13th Aug 2009	780 (91.8%)	70 (8.2%)	850
S2_GEN	1st Sept 2009	405 (91.8%)	36 (8.2%)	441
S3_GEN	14th April 2009	293 (89.3%)	35 (10.7%)	328

**note the S1_GEN and S2_GEN tests were formed from STU_GEN splitting following introduction of S2, hence earlier First Test Taken for S3. Same pass rates for these two tests is entirely coincidental.*

Given the luxury of the concept system that we have, interest has been shown by VATNAF/CAF/SAF in using ET. VATNAF/CAF are in the final consultation stage and tests are being done for implementation of their CERT feeds into the system.

Pilot Training

VATEUD was delighted to receive the news on 28th January 2011 that it has been approved to award the P1 rating as an ATO. This is largely due to the work of Gerd Lichtenthäler, Alexander Klink and Daniel Gustin to whom we are most grateful. There are many other people behind the scenes to whom our gratitude will be duly expressed following the official announcement.

Membership

No major changes, other than introduction of VATEUD5. See "Staff Changes"

Staff changes

Regrettably Alexander Klink had to resign as VATEUD3 Training Director (Pilots) earlier this year due to real world commitments. Daniel Gustin has kindly agreed to take over (formerly VATEUD11, assistant to Alex), an obvious choice for the great work he has done to date. We are now recruiting for VATEUD5, formerly "Assistant Membership Director" but seeing a slight change in the focus of the role. VATEUD5 will be the New Member Co-ordinator, tasked with focusing on new member retention. We look forward to working with colleagues across the network to help get new members online and identify on how we can improve in this hugely important area. Thomas George has assumed the role of VATEUR2 but there will be no immediate changes to his role in the division, although the transition process is currently being looked at to reduce the risk of bias towards any particular division in his regional capacity.

Examinations department

We are soon to announce the launch of our Examinations Department which will work to ensure that in the rating progression process from S1 to C1 complies with one of the main GRP principles of reducing unnecessary barriers, restrictions and delays. At the same time it will work to ensure that we have the trade-off right between quality and quantity of controllers. More news on this in the next division report.

Thomas George

Deputy Director, VATSIM Europe Division

VATUK United Kingdom Division

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VATSIM-UK Division Report, January 2011

The fourth quarter of 2010 saw a consistent continuation of activity in the UK division, and we have enjoyed a significant increase in area coverage after the successful implementation of a new London area setup. This setup has increased accessibility and revived interest for existing area controllers, and has resulted in a sharp rise in regular area mentoring.

The last three months has seen a number of changes in the division. Alex Jefferies and Craig Workman have stepped down as VATUK7 and VATUK8 respectively, we thank them for their time and commitment. Neither position has been filled. The role of ATC Training Manager is to be phased out indefinitely (the role overlaps with that of the Training Director) and the Military Operations Director may be filled in the future dependant on activity in the Military RTS.

As mentioned, a significant overhaul of the London area configuration was implemented over the last half of 2010, involving a new sector setup. This change has introduced more flexibility and opportunities for controllers to open a variety of sector combinations dependant on traffic levels and controller availability. This has motivated a number of existing area controllers to return to regular controlling, and this in turn has seen a noticeable increase in traffic as a whole (although this can also be attributed to increased activity as a whole).

The UK has held a number of successful events including Openskies and the more recent Heathrow Overload. Both events acted as “stress tests” for the new London setup and both allowed us to identify weaknesses in the configuration as well as showing us where work needs to be done to help us prepare for large-scale events. Our next major event is the Gatwick Real Ops, scheduled to take place in late February.

The mentor/student ratio continues to be a major problem in the division, although some progress has been made in some regions of the UK. However, waiting times for sessions are still considered too long and some students are losing motivation as a result. VATSIM-UK is currently working on an “E-Learning” system; the completed project will introduce standardised and streamlined learner-based training which will prepare the student for 1:1 mentoring. It is hoped that, starting with the OBS>S1 course, this E-Learning system will significantly free up the human resources needed for the OBS>S1 progression, which in turn would free up resources for mentoring at higher levels.

Heathrow has seen a massive increase in consistent staffing, and has seen a big increase in traffic levels over the past month. We would like to congratulate everyone who has contributed to continuing to promote VATSIM’s busiest airfield.

A draft proposal has been drawn up by Frank Plummer for a Pilot Mentoring System in the UK, and eventually, for the division to become a free-standing ATO. Frank has a number of real world commitments at present and a lot of effort is currently being put into the E-Learning project and some other related projects, so this is on the backburner for now.

In conclusion, the past three months has seen VATSIM-UK go from strength to strength in terms of overall activity. A number of problems remain to be overcome, but the division is working well as a unit to continue to promote high quality and consistent ATC across the UK.

Gunnar Lindahl

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VATRUS REPORT Nov 2010- Jan 2011

STAFF:

No changes

TRAINING/MEMBERSHIP:

461 New users within the period
ratings issued in the period:

STU1 - 10

STU2 - 7

STU3 - 2

CTR1- 0

CTR3 - 0

INS1 - 1

DCRM

No significant issues reported.

AIR TRAFFIC / EVENTS:

3 Major events held, including 1 international.

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