

## REGION REPORT - QUARTER 4 2011

The fourth quarter of 2011 has been a very busy period for the region as we try to review how we can improve rating progression. The GRP amendment allowing trainees (S1) to cover Tower subject to divisional/vACC control has had a significant impact on the region with Europe being very well-represented in the Tower posts for Golden Mic. High Tower coverage alone is not what we want as a Region and so it is important that we look to releasing the pressure on student-mentor ratios and VATEUR is working with the Executive Committee to identify opportunities similar to that explored with S1 for higher ratings.

Although upgrades are down considerably for the reason we must remember that ratings are a way of facilitating people to control and from an ATC perspective our ultimate goal is to provide as much ATC as possible subject to the constraint of quality control. With this in mind we should take rating progression as a possible leading indicator of future ATC online time but should not look at rating progression in isolation of this key performance measure.

Going forward, the rating structure needs to aim to get people online and controlling as quickly as possible but without the need to declare them as being "fully competent" until they really are. Integral to a system built on such principles is proper control. VATEUR is working with Division Directors to incorporate agreed maxima on rating progression for all controller ratings and maintaining and reviewing its rules in relation to any solo endorsements such that they cannot be abused.

Pilot ratings continue to roll out across the Region, VATEUD is the highest awarding body of the P1 rating so far, largely due to a spike at the start of 2011, VATUK has just been approved as an ATO and VATRUS are preparing their candidacy. It is hoped that continued efforts to improve pilot quality will improve everyone's enjoyment of the network.

All areas of VATEUR have arranged some hugely successful events in this quarter, the main finale being the Fly and See Santa event which was incredibly well-subscribed. Some things need to be reviewed when planning for this event in 2011 as with the high volumes the alternate airfields and enroute holding were not used optimally but we look forward to improving on this in 2012. In Quarter 1 we look forward to the return leg of Cross Africa and a Silk Road event between VATEUD, VATRUS and VATASIA.

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<b>Member Retention</b>						Still an important function within VATEUD, we continue to contact all re-activated members via email directing them to the correct vACC to get them back online
<b>ATC Training</b>		QTD	YTD 11	YTD 10	Var	<p>Q4 saw the introduction of ET4, with the C1 Theory test being the first exam available. It is hoped that all exams will be handled by this by early 2012. There were no INS upgrades during Q4 2011 as the INS course is currently being reviewed.</p> <p>Staff Changes: With his move to VATEUR, Apostolos Damkalis handed over the role of Assistant ATC Training Director to Lorenzo Van de Pol; VATEUD is very grateful for his support during his time in this role. Lukas Kulik has also joined as the vACC Support Manager.</p>
	S1	74	291	351	-17%	
	S2	48	161	267	-40%	
	S3	15	98	127	-30%	
	C1	7	56	63	-11%	
	C3	1	15	16	-6%	
	Σ	145	621	824	-25%	
<b>Pilot Training</b>						Q4 was a slow period for pilot training with only ten (10) pilots receiving their P1 rating. However, a lot of effort was put into preparing the ATO for the integration of vACC and with introducing the P2 and P3 ratings.
<b>Operations</b>						Overall in Q4 VATEUD managed to have controllers online for @23 thousand hours. This is down slightly from @29 thousand hours the previous quarter. However, as this quarter contains the Christmas holiday period it is to be expected.
<b>Events</b>						A typically busy events period with over 40 unique events, highlighted on the 17 <sup>th</sup> of December by the annual Fly See Santa event in Norway. This was in addition to the regular weekly events. The quarter also marked the appointment of Killian Thornton as VATEUD6 – Communications and Marketing Director.
<b>Other Comments</b>						

<b>Member Retention</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Emails will be sent to every newcomer signed up recently in order to attract him/her to the ATO/ATC training departments of VATRUS.</li> <li>- Emails will be sent to the ATC controllers who did not control for at least half a year to check their status and willingness to provide ATC control</li> </ul>																																			
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<b>Pilot Training</b>		<p>No statistic available. Training is conducted spontaneously. Lack of instructors to the pilot dept occurs to be. Most of the training is conducted by the VA-s.</p>																																			
<b>Operations</b>	<p>On 17th of November, 2011 the transition from meters to RVSM feet flight levels was carried out all over the territory of the ex-USSR metric countries (Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan). Turkmenistan remained with ICAO FLs above FL290</p>																																				
<b>Events</b>	<p>"Bye-Bye, metric" - Shuttle event - ULMM – ENTC 6. 11                  "Last time in metric" - UHHH-RJCC 13.11                  "Rostov and Sochi, Southern wind" URRR-URSS, 19.11                  VATRUS Christmas Party (Full staff at UUEE UUDD URRR UKBB ULLI UMMS) - 07.01.12</p>																																				
<b>Other Comments</b>	<p>A new main page for VATRUS division is now being designed. Pilots from abroad will be able to get all the necessary information on VATRUS FIRs, airports, phraseology, particularities such as QFE, metric procedures below the TL etc., links to the latest sceneries, ATC sectors, squawk ranges</p>																																				

<b>Member Retention</b>						<p>VATSIM-UK continues to operate the “Helpers” scheme whereby new members can be linked up with existing members to show them the ropes and get them online. The utilization and success of this scheme is under constant review and in future we will be looking at new ways to incorporate this with the Pilot and ATC Training departments. We have had a number of older members return to the network after a period away, and we have had few or no transfers out from the division.</p>
<b>ATC Training</b>		<b>QTD</b>	<b>YTD 11</b>	<b>YTD 10</b>	<b>Var</b>	<p>We continued to make good progress with controller throughput in Q4; Solo Tower Validations (STVs) have been an excellent stimulant and we welcome their future implementation at the higher ratings. Our current areas of focus are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- completing the online learning modules for all ratings</li> <li>- ensuring continued throughput at an area level</li> </ul> <p>monitoring consistent performance across all our regions.</p>
	S1	25	100	103	-3%	
	S2	10	40	18	122%	
	S3	8	18	19	-1%	
	C1	2	6	5	20%	
	C3	1	3	4	-25%	
	<b>Σ</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>12%</b>	
<b>Pilot Training</b>						<p>Plans are underway for a VATSIM-UK Pilot Training scheme to be developed and launched in Q1 of 2012. The aim of the scheme will be to welcome new members into the community and to become a recognized Authorised Training Organisation (ATO) in order to offer Pilot Ratings as part of the training scheme.</p>
<b>Operations</b>						<p>Our new Military RTS Manager, Duncan MacKellar, has started work with the military community to revitalize this part of VATSIM-UK. We look forward to the results in 2012.</p>
<b>Events</b>						<p>We have held a number of successful events in this last quarter, including another hugely successful Cross The Pond event at the end of October. We have a number of events in the pipeline for the New Year, and are in the preliminary planning stage for a few live events in Q1 and Q2 of 2012.</p>
<b>Other Comments</b>						<p>Overall, this has been another progressive quarter for VATSIM-UK, with a healthy number of upgrades and good prospects for 2012. We will be releasing an annual report with detailed analysis for the 2011 year before the end of January 2012.</p>

