

VATSIM South America

Quarterly Report to the Executive Committee Q2 2011

This has been a quarter of great development of our event options and ATC coverage region wide. We continue the projects started on Q1 building our first 2 ATO's, one in VATSUR and the other in VATBRZ.

Divisions staff, consolidated on the past months, is now at full thrust with clear achievements. We continue to close gaps in those countries where we didn't have much local representation and continuing adding staff for specific project development.

Excellent work of all volunteers this Quarter and a special mention to VATSUR staff and what they have achieved with between FIR's events, the use of social networks and the cross collaboration to help develop staff at FIR's in need. Congratulations to the team!

We forecast a very active Q3 with VATSIM 10 year celebrations and the continued growth of the region.

Up next, our regional membership statistics and divisional reports.

Thanks for choosing VATSIM!

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Regional Membership Statistics

Rating	06/30/11
Pilot/Obs	12041
Student 1	269
Student 2	121
Student 3	266
Controller 1	160
Controller 3	44
Instructor 1	31
Instructor 3	9
Supervisor	15
Administrator	1
Total Members	12957
Active in the Q	3444
Sign-Up in the Q	1326

WW Sign ups	7990
VATSA Share	16.60%



The second quarter of 2011 has been a period with positive results. Regarding pilots traffic, this increased in comparison with the first quarter, this is a result of the major events that VATSUR was organized and the other reason is that the summer is finished and we have all users in their homes. In the other hand The ATC maintained the same hours proportion, Colombia which is the most critical FIR In VATSUR started to growing up consistently with the new staff.

In VATSUR, we started the implementation of our ATO; our aim is to give the chance of all VATSUR pilots to have a pilot training course in Spanish. The ATO is in the first phase, but this will be our major concern in the next 6 months.

Regarding events, our project for the second half of the year is continuing making major events involving all countries, maybe with different approaches, also taking into account the experience acquired in the last 6 events.

Staff

In the VATSUR staff level, in this quarter, there was 2 changes, Luis Alvarado left the events direction, Nicolas Larenas, one of the most experienced ATC and Ecuador's staff, was appointed to this role, making an amazing job in his 3 months. A new position was opened, VATSUR7 where Carlos Montenegro, ex Argentinean FIR Chief was appointed to this Job.

In the other hand Colombia is restructuring the staff with new fresh people, this process will take some weeks, but the new Director, Santiago Schäfer is doing an excellent job, overcoat in the training process. Argentina has a new FIR chief: Guillermo Snipe Montenegro, the previous director left the office to become the chief of our ATO project.

Training

We are reviewing all the exams and the courses in order to improve the contents to render them more specifically to local virtual air traffic control and be more helpful to apply the new knowledge online. Since the regulation is different in each country, we are trying to give the ATC the differences in the theoretical course.

This quarter we have 39 upgrades distributed as follows: 16 S1, 12 S2, 7 S3, 4 C1 and 0 C3, the most active country is Venezuela followed by Argentina and Ecuador. In comparison with the first quarter, we had 8 more upgrades: S2 and C1 were most increased ratings

In Colombia there is a lack of mentors and instructors to train students in all positions. For that reason instructors from Chile and Ecuador are giving some help to the new staff, the results are very positive, since the training process are more fluid now.

Membership

In this first quarter of 2011 we have registered 555 new members; in comparasion with the 450 new members in the first quarter we had a 19% of increment in our registered users.

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Pilot/OBS: 6322 (last number: 5747, increase 9,1%)

S1: 85 (-3)

S2: 96 (+1)

S3: 81 (0)

C1: 92 (+1)

I1/I3: 19

There was a steady movement in the upgrades, no matters the upgraded members in this quarter were 9 more than the last one, this number correspond to the active members. In conclusion there was some ATC members which accounts have been gone to the inactive status.

NB: Those numbers correspond to the ATCs approved since April 2009, when we experience problems in VATSUR's database and I have no other statistics reference.

Events

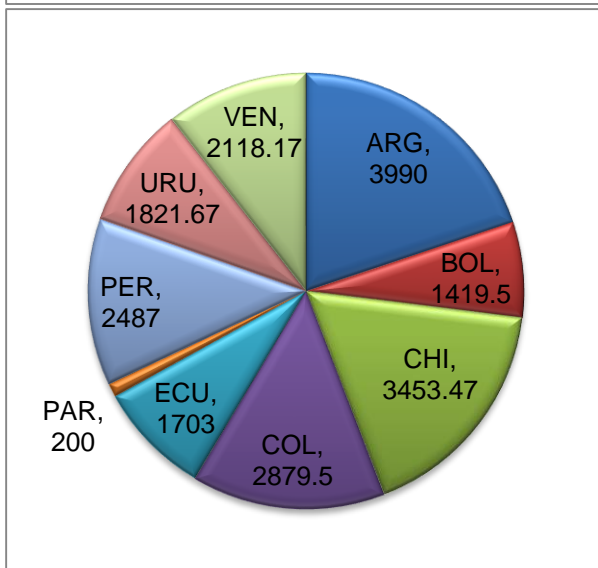
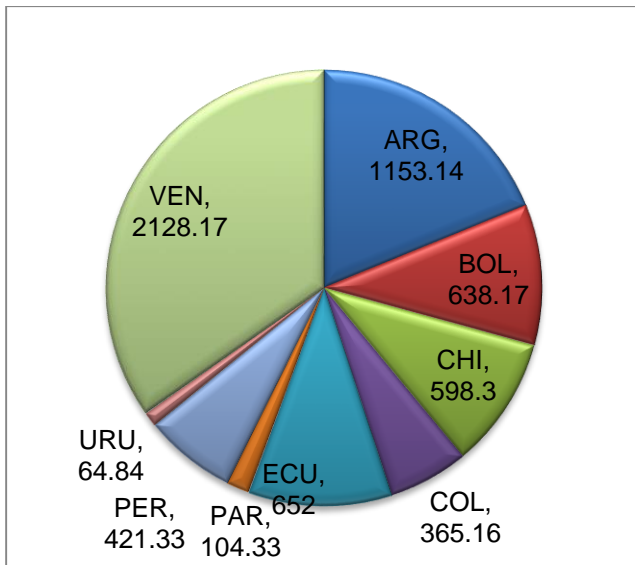
This was our strong point in this quarter, VATSUR had 6 major events in 3 months, involving all countries and also in the last one we made an event with VATBRZ. The results are more than positive, since the response of the pilots was amazing, with a medium of 60 flights per event, reaching our record of 105 flights in the Argentina & Chile Flyin. All of them were between 2 countries, just to improve the friendship and give to the pilots another type of event experience.

Our aim was to "wake up" the division and stimulate pilots and ATC and get used to this kind of events, since is our project to not stop this and continue with this attitude the second half of the year, expecting a better response from pilots.

Activity

ATC activity (Total hours)

Pilot activity (Total hours)



The ATC activity shows a slight rise respect the first quarter, with a difference with no more than +200 hours.

The pilot activity shows a dramatic rise in some countries like Argentina and Chile, but in any case all countries have a significant increment

ATO

The ATO project started with the appointed of Carlos Montenegro (ARG) as VATSUR7 – Pilot training. We already present the project to Kyle who asked us to review some points in order to start with the development of this. We barely started with the project, but we are enthusiast to bring to the pilots a training program in spanish that will be a help for our pilots.

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Status Summary

In this second quarter we continue improving training and previously launched web services. We have huge amount of trainees for S1 and S2 courses, so we start to invite and prepare new INS to assume this demand. We revise and configure all tutorials and other materials for pilot training, to launch from P1 to P3 in Moodle structured courses, but due our efforts in S1, S2, S3 and INS formation, we continue to provide general pilot training via www.jo.eng.br.

TRAINING

1 – We launch S3 module in Moodle based Training Center, after the first S1 and S2 modules running with success. Huge amount of subscriptions in S1 and S2 and lack of INS, has causing a delay in new promotions.

2 – We continue with efforts to invite members to assume Mentoring and INS positions. As reported in 1st quarter, we launch a system and program to allocate ATC (from S1 to C1) in TMA structure, so the training experience is continuously transmitted from member to member .

3 – We completed the initial modules from Pilot Training Program (Moodle based - P0, P1, P2) to submit to ATO certification. Our goal was to certify the process in the second quarter, but this was not possible due other priorities. However, we leave free access to the module P0 and continue to maintain general pilot training in www.jo.eng.br

4 – Our training sessions on teamspeak channel for pilots and controllers are now improved with V.A. participation, with new privative special channels for each one.

STAFF

1 – We start to recruitment of a new DCRM, no success by now.

2 – Staff members:

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VATBRZ1	Edson Felix	858639	Division Director and DCRM
VATBRZ2	Eduardo Passos	995375	Deputy Division Director
VATBRZ3	David Cordeiro	1146977	Pilot Instruction Manager
VATBRZ4	Wallace Starley	1062812	ATC Instruction Manager
VATBRZ5	Vacancy		Facility Manager
VATBRZ6	Gustavo Oliveira	1138387	Events & PR Manager
VATBRZ7	Luiz Cortinhas	1102194	IT Coordination

EVENTS

- 1 – Since Jan/2011 we host one funny event per week, each Saturday.
- 2 – We publish a event calendar, planning TMA, FIR, national and international events for all the 2011.
- 3 – We start arrangements with VATSUR to maintain regular events between Brazil and other countries.

MEMBERSHIP

1 – We continue our effort to attract and maintain new members, since our previous analysis shows that a high percentage of these people don't become active. Below in activities chart we show the results of our effort to improve online reception:

- 1.1 – We continue hosting TeamSpeak 3 server, open to new members assistance, five sessions per week
 - 1.2 – We maintain five reception sessions per week only to help new members to configure software and to initial approach.
 - 1.3 – We improve our “PO” open course module in Moodle, with all translated (pt-BR) CoC and UA, brand new software installation manuals, step-by-step connection guide and first flight procedures.
- 2 – Our efforts and new procedures to welcome new members, result improvement of number of saved, from 12,82% in 4th quarter 2010 to 49,93% in this 2^o quarter.

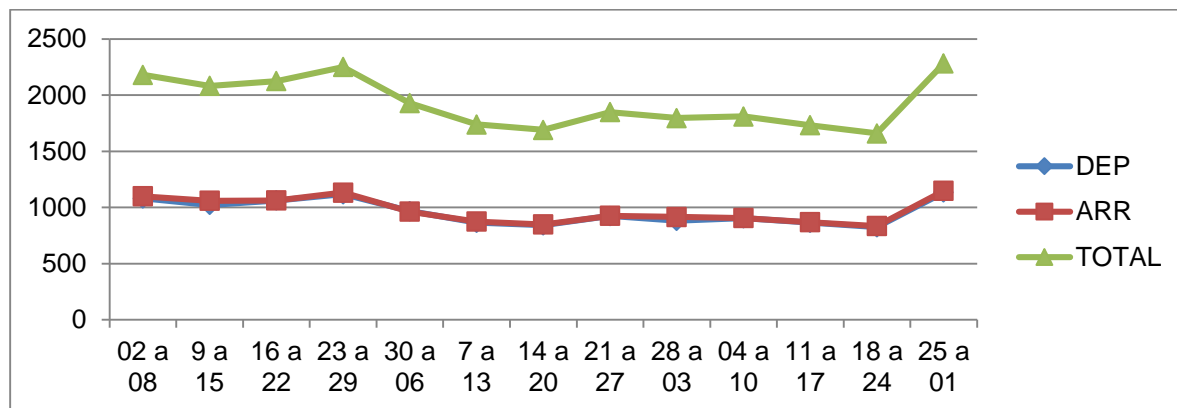
Quarter	Sign-ups			Inactivity			
	New	Remain Active	Saved	Never Connected	Suspended	Inactive	Saved/Lost
4th 2010	819	105	12,82%	2092	799	3921	
1st 2011	783	277	35,38%	2553	805	3649	272
2d 2011	729	364	49,93%	3096	817	3371	278

3 – According to VATSIM CERT System, there are a total of 8,316 recorded members. Increased number of active members compared from 1st quarter (1220 members), counting 1691 members. We are working hard to recover this number , increasing from 10% to 15% per quarter working in retain sign-ups and inviting inactive members to come back.

Quarter	Pilot/OBS	Student 1	Student 2	Student 3	Controller 1	Controller 3	Instructor 1	Instructor 3	SUP	Admin	Total Users
1st 2011	7746	173	20	184	71	22	7	1	3	0	8227
2d 2011	6256	168	20	178	64	20	8	1	3	0	8316

ACTIVITY

1 – Pilots - According to VATAWARE system, this 2d quarter have 25,125 movements, 12,490 departures and 12,635 arrivals. Compared to previous quarter the pilots movement remains stable.



2 – CONTROLLERS – According our STATS SYSTEM, 118 (116 1st quarter) controllers where active, counting 2610 (2261 in 1st quarter) hours, media 7,3 (6,5 hours in 1st quarter) hours/month per controller. This number shows a little increase in ATC services.

3 – VAS – According our exclusive VA PARTNER SYSTEM, we accept four new VA and we have now 18 VAS generating 1759 (2,021 1st quarter) valid flights in 2d Quarter. Valid flights are: More than 30 minutes, departure and arrival registered, no infractions like pause and acceleration. The number decrease due some VA crash.

VA	Callsign	#Voos Abril	#Voos Maio	#Voos Junho	TOTAL TRIMESTRE
JetWay	JWB	76	33	60	169
Virgin	VIR	121	72	46	239
Mega	MEG				0
Panair	PAB	7	28	11	46
Wings	WIC	7	10	11	28
Cruzeiro	CRZ	16	12	12	40
TAFv	TSD			1	1
CPV	CPV	188	105	98	391
Aeroboteco	BTO	23	16	12	51
Azul Virtual	AZU	50	13	7	70
Rico Virtual	RLE	19	28	34	81
Rio Sul Virtual	RSL	58	82	63	203
Webjet Virtual	WEB	61	23	25	109
Gol Virtual	GLO	116	53	59	228
Avianca Virtual	ONE	17	12	10	39
Puma Virtual	PLY			40	40
Voe Brasil Virtual	BRV			24	24
Virtual Passaredo	PTB				0
Total	18	759	487	513	1759

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