

# Asian Breeze (49) (Christmas Special Edition)

Merry Christmas to you

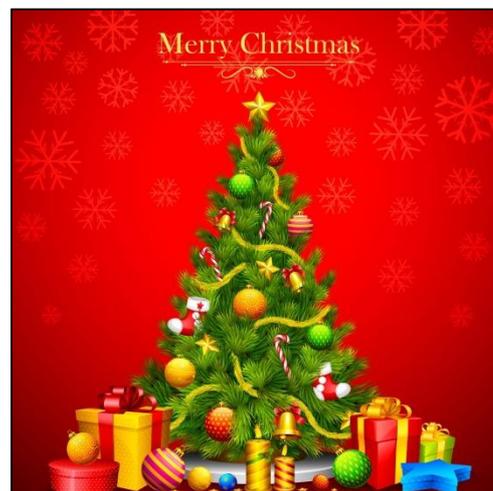
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Dear Coordinators and Facilitators in Asia/Pacific region.

I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful Christmas holiday seasons. Beautiful Christmas illuminations are everywhere in Tokyo now. Lots of young couples are visiting famous illumination places at night with hand in hand. What a splendid season of the year! (Little envy though)

Eight years have passed since I started to issue Asian Breeze. Time flies so fast, doesn't it? Thanks to your cooperation, I have been able to issue it every two months without any interruption and it now reached 49 issues. Committed to continue issuing Asian

Breeze, I would like to ask your continued support by providing me with your hot news. Please send me your contribution to [asianbreeze@schedule-coordination.jp](mailto:asianbreeze@schedule-coordination.jp).

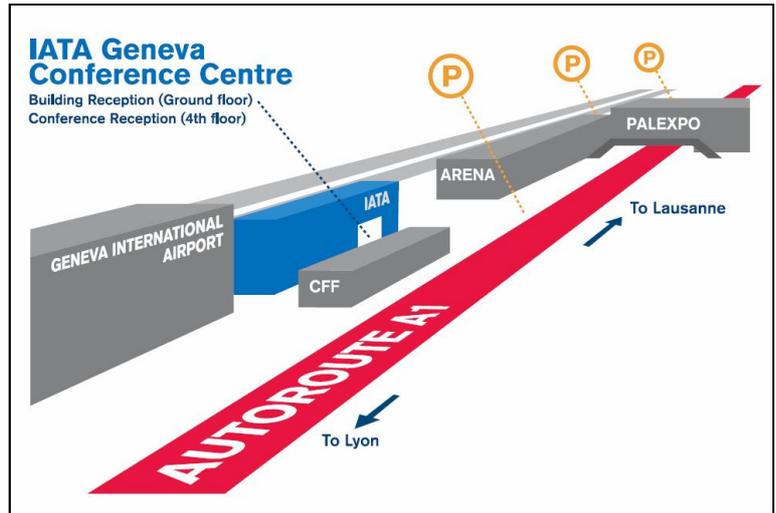


For this issue, I have received a great contribution from Ms. Lara Maughan, who is a Head of IATA Worldwide Airport Slots featuring her staff in slot team. Without their devotion, there have been no successful IATA slot conferences in the past and would be no conference in the future too. I hope you will enjoy reading it with great admiration.

## IATA Slot Team

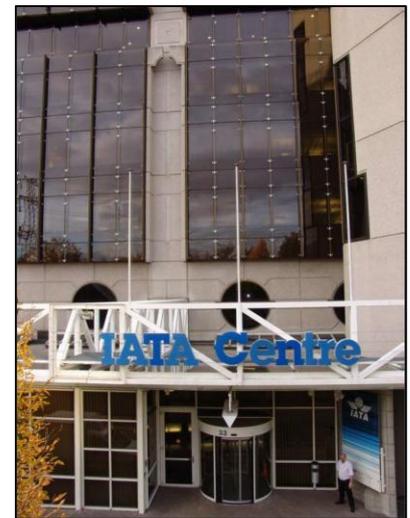
Location of IATA Slot Team

While there are two IATA executive offices, one in Geneva and the other in Montreal, IATA Slot Team is located in Geneva. Our office is just next to Geneva International Airport Terminal Building, and it is five minute walk.



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**IATA Conference Center**

IATA Geneva Executive Office also provides the conference functionality. There are many small to large conference rooms in the office so that many technical, operational and economical meetings can be held simultaneously.



## Introduction of Slot Team Members

Ms. Lara Maughan



Lara Maughan [maughan@iata.org](mailto:maughan@iata.org) (Geneva based)

### Head Worldwide Airport Slots

- Regulatory and Industry Partnership Management
- North Asia (China, Hong Kong)
- ATFM and Slots



I have been in the IATA slots team since May 2011, when I joined Peter and Cassie in Geneva. Prior to this I was living in the French Alps but working as an airport planner in London – a rather long commute and one I don't miss! My background is in airport capacity planning, masterplanning and consultancy, so I think I now have a pretty rounded view of the whole industry when it comes to capacity related business solutions.

We have just expanded the slots team this year and with Peter's retirement there have been some changes so it's nice to look towards 2017 with the great team we have in place and lots of exciting and challenging issues on the horizon. Certainly our agendas and priorities have grown and we are seeing a lot of effort and time needed to ensure the WSG really can be regarded as a global solution for all, that governments and regulators adopt and follow.

The slots team work on a diverse range of issues, all centered on advocating for a single global slot allocation and management standard through the WSG, for the benefit of the entire industry. It's an objective that means we can be working on a runway closure notice for Indonesia and trying to ensure the authorities consider the WSG timelines when planning maintenance to ensuring the Slot Conference will run as planned and meet everyone's requirements. There is never a dull day in this very global environment.

At home I enjoy spending time with my family trying to relax when I am not busy playing trains, cars or kicking a ball with my 20 month old son. I'm lucky enough to live near the snow for lots of skiing in the winter, and a very nice lake for summer relaxing, but like everyone in the industry I do have the travel bug so a holiday is never far from my sights!

Ms. Cassandra Raitsidis



**Cassandra Raitsidis** [raitsidisc@iata.org](mailto:raitsidisc@iata.org) (Geneva based)

- Slot Conference management and organization
- AppCal, Online Accreditation and delegate support



I was born and raised in England but in 2001 I moved to the Geneva area of Switzerland. I have enjoyed the Swiss culture and lifestyle ever since.

I have worked for IATA since 2004, starting in the Slots department in 2008 where I am primarily responsible for managing and coordinating the semi-annual Slot Conference. This conference is a key element of the slot allocation process, where airlines and level 2 & 3 airports have the opportunity to meet face to face, within one time zone, to adjust and finalise their network schedules. The conference attracts over 1100 delegates and is routinely attended by over 220 airlines, 70 coordinators and 75 exhibitors & sponsors.

We are always interested in receiving suggestions and feedback on the conference in order for us to continually improve: [slots@iata.org](mailto:slots@iata.org).

Ms. Arantza Mendicoa



**Arantza Mendicoa** [mendicoaga@iata.org](mailto:mendicoaga@iata.org) (Madrid based)

- Latin America and Americas
- Europe central office



I joined IATA Worldwide Airport Slots as manager almost 2,5 years ago after 12 years in the airline industry working for Government affairs and Commercial Schedule and Slot management with skilled expertise in South and Central America, European Union and North Africa markets.

In IATA I am primarily responsible for promoting and advocating the IATA WSG single standard slot allocation methodology with Governments and Authorities, airline and airports, in “the Americas” region and Europe Central office based in Madrid,

Spanish speaker, fluent in English, able to communicate in French and Portuguese. In my spare time I enjoy being with my family and friends, read and travel. As Spaniard, I also enjoy a good meal with olive oil.



Mr. Philip Ireland



**Philip Ireland** [irelandp@iata.org](mailto:irelandp@iata.org) (Geneva based)

- Asia Pacific and Middle East
- Coordination expertise



I moved to Geneva and joined the IATA slots team in June 2016. I bring to the team a specialization in slot coordination, having spent the previous six years as the Dubai Slot Coordinator. The move was not only a great opportunity to work for IATA, but has proved to be an opportunity to better consider the challenges faced by the industry beyond a particular airport.

My responsibilities are for the Middle East and Asia Pacific regions. Additionally I will be working to consider the training product we offer and how best we can support airlines, airports and slot coordinators in the future.

In my spare time I am lucky enough to enjoy some of the best countryside you can find. Hiking is an essential way of life here, as is regular travel and fondue.

Mr. Dimiter Zahariev



**Dimiter Zahariev** [zahariev@iata.org](mailto:zahariev@iata.org) (Geneva based)

- WSG Strategic Review (including WSG updates)
- SISC and SSIM
- Africa



I come from Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. I have been working in various IATA departments such as industry settlement and operations, airline mergers and bankruptcies and passenger experience, before joining the Slots team in June 2016. I am now responsible for the Strategic review of the WSG and for slots matters in the African region.

I very much enjoy hiking, skiing and contemporary arts and architecture.

Mr. John Middleton



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Assistant General Counsel

- Legal Counsel for Slots



I was born and raised in Texas, where prior to joining IATA I worked as a corporate bankruptcy attorney in Dallas. Through true serendipity I was able to represent IATA through my old firm, working on airline bankruptcy cases that impacted the association. After several years of working closely with IATA's in-house legal team, I was invited to join the team in-house, which prompted a huge change of scenery for myself and

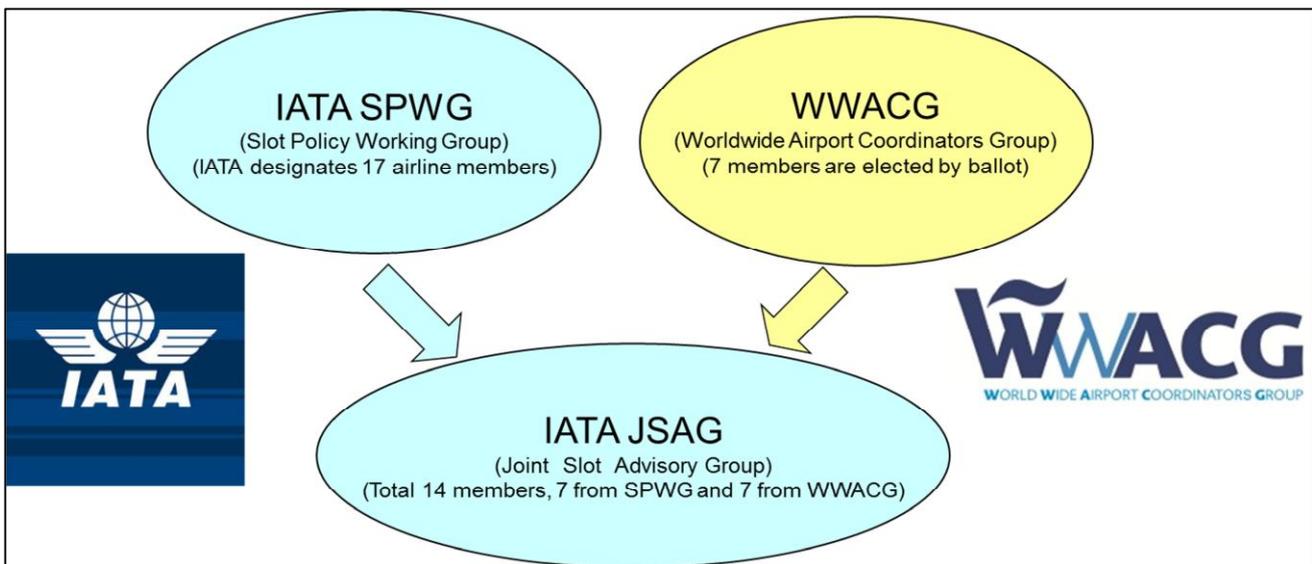
my family as we moved to Geneva. Through a similar stroke of luck I became involved with the slots team during SC133 (“back home”) in Fort Worth and they haven’t been able to pry me away since.

My primary role with the team is to monitor competition law compliance during the SCs and the working group meetings, which is an ever-growing area of importance in the industry. I also assist with other legal and advocacy projects that arise, and feel very fortunate to work closely with a team who is willing to put up with the constant presence of a lawyer! When not assisting with slots, airline bankruptcies, or other legal issues at IATA I enjoy reading (currently: Ron Chernow’s Alexander Hamilton) and building – and destroying! – Star Wars Legos with my son and daughter.



### Relationship between IATA and Coordinators/Facilitators

There are three groups responsible for the airport coordination and schedules facilitation process worldwide. Two groups (SPWG and JSAG) were established by IATA, and one group (WWACG) was established by the airport coordinators and schedules facilitators themselves. The relationship between those three groups is shown below.



## Slot Policy Working Group (SPWG)

The current 17 airline members are shown below.

Region	Country	Airline Name	Code	Name
Europe	Netherland	KLM – Royal Dutch Airlines	KL	Mr. Bert Imminga
	Germany	TUIfly GmbH	X3	Mr. Ansgar Kruse
	Germany	Deutsche Lufthansa A.G.	LH	Mr. Yanki Puersuen
	Germany	European Air Transport Leipzig GmbH	DHL	Mr. Peter Hicksich
	U.K.	British Airways	BA	Mr. Chris Carter
	France	Air France	AF	Mr. Sylvain Le Nestour
	Finland	Finnair OYJ	AY	Ms. Rikke Christensen
North/ South America	U.S.A.	United Airlines	UA	Ms. Michele Boyce
	U.S.A.	Delta Air Lines	DL	Ms. Jennifer Sayre (Vice Chair)
	U.S.A.	American Airlines	AA	Mr. Jim Watt
	U.S.A.	Fedex Express	FX	Ms. Christina Runer
	Columbia	AVIANCA	AV	Ms. Alicia Vita
Asia/ Middle East	U.A.E.	Emirates	EK	Mr. Murtuza Razvi
	Turkey	Turkish Airlines	TK	Ms. Billur Gokhan
	Japan	All Nippon Airways	NH	Mr. Takayuki Asai
	Australia	Qantas Airways Limited	QF	Mr. Paul Petrykowycz (Chair)
	Hong Kong	Hong Kong Express	UO	Mr. Stephen Milstrey

## Worldwide Airport Coordinators Group (WWACG)

The current 7 coordinators for WWACG Board are shown below.

Region	Country	Organization	Name
Europe	Austria	Schedule Coordination Austria (SCA)	Mr. Wolfgang Gallistle (Vice Chair)
	France	Airport coordination France (COHOR)	Mr. Eric Herbane (Chair)
	Germany	Airport Coordination Germany (FHKD)	Ms. Birgit Krenzin
	Norway	Airport Coordination Norway (ACN)	Mr. Fred Andreas Wister
America	U.S.A.	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)	Mr. Brian Meehan
Asia	Australia	Airport Coordination Australia (ACA)	Ms. Petra Popovac
	Japan	Japan Schedule Coordination (JSC)	Mr. Hiroki Takeda

## Joint Slot Advisory Group (JSAG)

The current 14 JSAG members are shown below. The left column is airline member and the right column is coordinator member.

Name (Airline Side)	Airline	Name (Coordinator Side)	Country
Mr. Paul Petrykowycz <i>(Chair)</i>	QF	Mr. Eric Herbane <i>(Vice Chair)</i>	France
Mr. Takayuki Asai	NH	Mr. Wolfgang Gallistle	Austria
Mr. Bert Imminga	KL	Ms. Birgit Krenzin	Germany
Mr. Chris Carter	BA	Mr. Fred Andreas Wister	Norway
Ms. Michele Boyce	UA	Mr. Brian Meehan	U.S.A.
Ms. Jennifer Sayre	DL	Ms. Petra Popovac	Australia
Mr. Jim Watt	AA	Mr. Hiroki Takeda	Japan

## Good Memories of Atlanta (SC139)



## Asian Tea Gathering in Atlanta



Everyone seems to be having a good time in chatting with some sweets and tea or coffee. As this tradition will continue to the next conference so that the good friendship will be nurtured among Asia/Pacific Coordinators and Facilitators. For those who haven't shown up yet at Asian Tea Gathering, please join in at the next conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.



From Chief Editor (Santa Claus)



I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Lara Maughan for her excellent contribution to Asian Breeze. She is very fortunate to be surrounded by very capable and smart staffs. We are expecting the bright future of Slot Conferences and the development of WSG with those staffs. As a matter of fact, they have already initiated the WSG Strategic Review from SC139 involving many stakeholders like states, airlines, airport operators, ATC authorities and coordinators and facilitators for the future. We should count on their initiatives.

Having finished this issue, I should visit some of famous night spots in Tokyo to appreciate Christmas illumination with my wife. Finally, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of 2017 (Next year is “Rooster” according to Chinese zodiac). (H.T.)

