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Christopher McGregor

Head of Flight Safety
ATR



Christopher leads the ATR Flight Safety department continually driving improvement in product safety and supporting the safety objectives of ATR's customers. He is responsible for the development and implementation of the Flight Safety strategy within ATR.

His professional aviation career spans over 24 years in Engineering, Customer support and Safety Functions with companies such as Rolls-Royce, BAESystems and Airbus.

Christopher is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society (FRAeS).
He graduated from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh.

Erick Ferrandez

Deputy Head of Safety Intelligence Department – Data4Safety
European Aviation Safety Agency



Erick joined EASA 10 years ago. He was in charge of the EASA International Technical Cooperation programmes for 8 years. Erick is now the deputy Head of Safety Intelligence department where he manages a number of activities such as Research and Safety Promotion. Erick is the Programme Manager of *Data4Safety*, the European Big Data programme for aviation safety.

Aeronautical engineer by formation, prior to EASA he spent 14 years of his career in the Flight Operations domain where he specialised on aircraft performance and Flight Operation systems. He gained his operational experience from both a manufacturer perspective working for the Airbus Customer Services and also from an airline perspective as he worked for US Airways in the USA.

Michael J. O'Donnell

Director of Accident Investigation and Prevention
Federal Aviation Administration



Mr. Michael J. O'Donnell joined the Office of Aviation Safety in December 2016, as the Director of Accident Investigation and Prevention (AVP.) His mission is to make air travel safer through investigation, data collection, risk analysis, and information sharing. Michael leads a staff of 78 people and is responsible for aircraft accident investigations and all activities related to the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). Michael is the co-Chair of the General Aviation Joint Steering Committee. The (GAJSC) is a public-private partnership working to improve general aviation safety and uses a data-driven, consensus-based approach to analyze aviation safety data and develop risk reduction efforts. Michael also serves a primary member of the Commercial Aviation Safety Team (CAST). Michael leads four separate Divisions to include; Accident Investigation, Safety Analytical Services, Safety Management and Research Planning, and Management Services and Recommendations. Michael's office also supports the FAA's international activities including participation in ICAO safety teams and has the lead for all research and development activities with the Office of Aviation Safety.

Michael joined the FAA as Director of the Office of Airport Safety and Standards in June 2008. As Director, he is responsible for the certification and safety of 540 commercial service airports and for all airport design, construction, maintenance, operations, and safety standards for the nation's 3,300 federally obligated airports. Michael is also responsible for more than 90 Advisory Circulars, and oversees the Airport Technology Research and Development Branch at the FAA Tech Center in New Jersey and the Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP).

Before joining the FAA, Mr. O'Donnell was the Executive Director of the South Carolina Division of Aeronautics. As Director, he was responsible for oversight and development of the state's 60 airports and for the promotion of aviation safety and air commerce.

Mr. O'Donnell is an accredited airport executive with 12 years of airport management experience at several general aviation and commercial service airports in the Northeast, including nearly 7 years as airport manager of the Waterbury-Oxford Airport in Connecticut. His background includes Bachelor and Master's degrees from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and 6 years of active-duty service in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. O'Donnell has been recognized at least five times by the Secretary of Transportation for his leadership in major initiatives such as Runway Safety Areas.

Mr. O'Donnell is an experienced aircraft accident investigator and ARFF fire fighter. Mr. O'Donnell holds a private pilot certificate and is an experienced college professor who has taught courses in airport management, aviation history, commercial aviation safety, and airport certification.

Paul Reuter

Director, Technical Affairs on the Executive Board
European Cockpit Association



Paul Reuter has been an airline pilot since 1995 is currently a Captain on the Boeing 737-700 and -800 for Luxair, which he joined in 1996.

He is also currently a Director, Technical Affairs on the Executive Board of the European Cockpit Association, an association based in Brussels and representing 38000 airline pilots in Europe.

He has been a member of the EASA Germanwings Task Force and has contributed to the Task Force's Final Report and he is chair of EPPSI, the European Pilot Peer Support Initiative.

Paul is a member of the Steering Board of EASA's Data4Safety initiative.

Paul is also involved in the Just Culture aspects of Safety Management and he is an IFALPA Accredited Aviation Accident Investigator. He was also co-chair on the DG Move's European Industry Just Culture Model Policy Working Group.

In the past, he was the President of ALPL, Luxembourg's Airline Pilot Association as well as a member of the Board of Directors for Luxair.

Pekka Henttu

Director General

Civil Aviation of the Finnish Transport Safety Agency – Trafi



Before his employment at Trafi, Pekka Henttu worked (33 years) for Finnair as a pilot (13500 flt h) and in various management positions such as Head of Regulatory issues and Technical Chief Pilot. In addition to Commander qualification he has also M.Sc.Eng. degree from Helsinki University of Technology. The total aviation experience as a professional is 40 years.

Pekka Henttu has had his position as Director General of Civil Aviation in Trafi since 1 May 2011. He has also other duties in the European Aviation Community, including the following positions of responsibilities:

- Chairman of EASA Management Board
- Member of ECAC Coordination Committee (focal person for flight safety)
- Vice Chairman of ICAO European Regional Aviation Safety Group

Tim Steeds

Director of Safety and Security
British Airways



Tim joined British Airways in 1974 and has spent the last 42 years as a pilot.

During his flying career he has flown a range of aircraft including Viscounts, Boeing 737s and currently the Boeing 777.

In 1995 he was awarded the first British Airways Safety Medal, the airline's very top flying award, for his captaincy of a Boeing 737 air test flight from London Gatwick. This medal for flight crews is awarded to recognise outstanding pilot skills and airmanship.

Since 1985 he has held a number of pilot management positions. The most recent being three years as head of quality and regulations and between 1997 and 2002 he was the airline's chief technical pilot. Tim Steeds became British Airways' director of safety and security in October 2005. In this role he oversees all aspects of the airline's safety and security policy and procedures both on the ground and in the air. Tim also had Community Relations within his remit until 2007.

Tim also sits on numerous safety and security regulatory committees including the National Aviation Security Executive Committee. He is a member of the European Aviation Safety Agency's (EASA) Executive Strategy Board and a past chairman of both IATA's operation's committee and the Association of European Airline's technical operations committee. Tim is co-chair of EASA's recently launched Data4Safety initiative.

Tim is married with three sons.