

AGM  
Annual General Meeting  
2006



07<sup>th</sup> March 2006  
Maastricht UAC Canteen 19<sup>30</sup> hrs.

## **Agenda for the EGATS AGM 2006, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

- 1) Opening—President's Welcome
- 2) Minutes AGM 2005
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- 6) Honorary Membership for Philippe Domogala
- 7) Election Audit Committee/Election Committee
- 8) Any Other Business
- 9) Closing

## A few words from the President

Dear members,

Busy it was – the last year. And for once I am not talking about the increased traffic which we all handled very efficiently and safely, but at times not very comfortably. I rather want to brief you about our EGATS work.

The Executive Board of EGATS had to digest a considerable number of new people on its board in a rather short time and as you can imagine – team building is not only necessary for our management. *(Only we can do that more cost effectively and instead of rubbing our noses in the dirt, we prefer to work for our members from the start on.)* Everybody in the board now found a place to comfortably get involved with subjects close to their heart.

**Ive** will keep you up to date on the Low-Lands Initiative – a cooperation project with our neighbouring professional associations – a kind of networking launched last year intended to improve the information flow between our associations. It shall enable us to react faster on external requests, attacks and criticism. **Raffaele** will dig into CPDLC and get involved in general in the technical field. **Cornelia** will assist Ive and still take care of all membership issues. **Vince**, who due to his predestined position being on both boards – TUEM & EGATS, serves us as our liaison officer. **Martin**, the administrative backbone of the association will make sure that we stick to our mandates, constitution and bye-laws. **Paul** will watch our finances like a hawk and **Ralf** will provide all IT and office infrastructure.

In 2005 we published 2 editions of our OUTPUT magazine with a variety of interesting articles and reports. Besides that, a few E-link newsletters and website updates were launched. Robert Klos is supporting Philip Marien and myself in this important PR role and will take over the post of editor for the OUTPUT magazine during 2006. Ive van Weddingen has taken over the E-Link and will regularly fill your mail-boxes with news about the association.

Our “space-management-program” is showing more and more! Refurbishments of rest-facilities have taken place and can now already be enjoyed. New mattresses have been placed and the gym has been re-equipped with new torture-machines. Step by step we will continue our work in this program. Eagerly awaiting the move of the divisions into the new building, we will witness the refurbishing of the training-section floor and its conversion into dormitories.

We also continued to be involved in the INREP project and just last week have been asked to give our support in manpower for the introduction of this. The ASMT and CPDLC is manned and to a large extent even driven by our people. Often we are asked for our direct input in various groups and project, which shows that our work is being appreciated and our opinion valued. When criticism is being offered though in a more direct and maybe therefore not so much association-like way, our management – despite knowing that this was/is absolutely justified – reacts a bit pinched.

In a broader sense – with the SES picking up some more momentum – we observe different moves. The DFS is very much in favour of creating a so called “FAB-Central” which would include the Maastricht area and other German airspace – under their sceptre not to forget! Then again we hear voices of concern over the idea of having just one service provider. Sovereignty aspects and consolidation fears are speaking a different language. Big centres need contingency measures and there are comments from DFS staff saying that the Langen centre is becoming already too big and unmanageable. Service providers are not talking the same language than ministers and other state officials. We got to experience this during the year. And to be able to put our foot in the door, we founded on association level the “Low-Lands” initiative, where we want to publish our operational ideas and ideals about a commonly managed and/or designed ATM infrastructure in Europe.

During the last year EGATS provided support for its members in many activities: at the Golden Flight Level and for SCOPS at the ECC football tournament. We also held the second EGATS photo competition in autumn last year with high quality results. Following some discussion with local management we are given the possibility to display the photos – we will announce the exposition as soon as the moving activities in-house have calmed down a bit.

And let us not forget the EGATS breakfast which is enjoyed by all OPS room staff on every Saturday and Sunday morning!

Talking about moving: As you probably observed, the temporary containers have been removed and our EGATS office has once again been moved. You can find us now in the **white temporary containers in room T105**. Although also this will not be our final destination, it gives us already more room and comfort to work. Once the 'old' building has been renovated, we will move there.

At this year's AGM several members of the Executive Board are standing for re-election and all decided to continue their work for the association. Since last years AGM we were having one vacancy on the board, which we will be able to fill this year.

Following my involvement in IFATCA (see also my report of the LO to IFATCA), I will take on a less prominent position in the EB and prepare the new president for the years to come.

On membership issues: Our total membership counts now 514 members with the majority of 371 members based in Maastricht (Luxembourg 25, Brussels 47, Bretigny 19, retired members 25).

In 2005 21 new membership applications were received.

Besides the members of the Executive Board, there is a large number of supporting members, who through their contribution make the smooth running of the association possible. I herewith want to explicitly thank the members of the flight department and other appointed officials like Philip Marien and Robert Klos for their contributions.

Philippe Domogala, long time active EB member and supporter of the association will receive the EGATS Honorary Membership to highlight his work done and the many hours spent for the profession of Air Traffic Control. It is my pleasure to hand over this sign of appreciation to a good friend and professional colleague.

One other close friend and former member of the Executive Board passed away last summer. We still cannot believe that this tall man with the powerful voice is not amongst us any longer. Robert van Zutphen will live on in our memories!

Patrik Peters  
EGATS President

## **PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

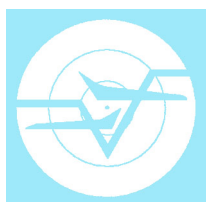
### **Lowlands:**

In view of developments regarding the SES program, the professional associations of Germany, the Benelux and the Maastricht UAC (EGATS) decided to join hands and work towards a common position. Our main goal was to discuss issues concerning the possible creating of a so called "FAB-central" by the respective ANSPs.

As we have similar ideas about what the provision of European ATS should encompass, we would like, as a group, to cooperate with the respective ANSPs towards an integrated, safety based European ATM system.

We are all very concerned that competition between privatized ANSPs could distract from the main objective of the ATM industry, namely safety, as decisions will be based on cost effectiveness and competitiveness. Instead we wish to promote a co-operative approach, based on harmonization of operational concepts and working practices throughout a large, common airspace block. This will have longer lasting benefits both for the ANSPs and the users (airlines).

A common statement has been signed by the respective presidents:



### Co-Operation instead of Competition

As a starting point of close cooperation, ATS staff representative bodies of the three Benelux States, Germany and the Eurocontrol Maastricht UAC met to discuss issues concerning the implementation of the Single European Sky (SES) initiative in general and the possible creation of a common Functional Airspace Block (FAB) by the Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSPs) of the four States.

These talks not only clarified that there are no competitive tendencies between Air Traffic Controllers of the concerned countries but that, on the contrary, the participating professional associations and trade unions share common visions as to how European Air Traffic Services should evolve to meet the targets of SES and hence the requirements of our customers, above all the airlines and their passengers.

As part of these visions, ATS staff believe in the necessity of a common approach based on co-operation, including professional associations and trade unions, and the ANSPs' managements to develop solutions towards a seamless European ATM system that is mainly driven by safety rather than economic factors.

Indeed, fierce competition and privatization as envisaged by some ANSPs aim at the consolidation of ATM and will automatically focus on cost effectiveness and competitiveness taking airspace as the source of revenue. Without proper regulation and oversight, this model could leave the whole ATM industry with a fixation on cost that will drive it away from its prime objective: safety. This process will undoubtedly promote the profits of those few surviving ANSPs, but will neither motivate the workforce nor ensure the well-being and safety of our customers. Safety must never lose the top priority in Air Traffic Services that it enjoys when governments are directly responsible for it.

It is therefore that the involved staff representative bodies strongly voice their concerns and support a co-operative, evolutionary approach instead. Such an approach, based on harmonizing operational concepts, working practices and conditions, and re-aligning air routes and procedures along users' needs throughout a common, larger block of airspace (to mention but a few), is likely to yield better and longer-lasting benefits much earlier than any competitive approach as advocated by the more aggressive ANSPs.

The signatories of this statement want to send a clear message to all those involved in the implementation of SES and FABs that anything less than the aforementioned will not be accepted. Moreover, they want to make sure that sufficient professional input is given in such a way that the users' needs can be met by the future European ATM system.

Klaus Berchtold-Nicholls  
President GdF

Patrik Peters  
President EGATS

Rudi Knops  
President BGATC

Stefan van der Loos  
President The Netherlands Guild

Frank Klaess  
President GLCCA Luxembourg

### **Babylon – now called “Mosaic”:**

Parallel to the work of the Lowlands group, the trade unions as well as some of the professional associations of several European countries are working on a similar project. The base idea being the same, that European ATM should in the first place be safety driven, and that this cannot be guaranteed by private companies.

To achieve this they propose to introduce what they call “the Airbus of Air Navigation Services”. This would lead to the creation of one single entity for the provision of ATS in Europe, based on European service of general interest, and financed by user charges and/or state subsidies.

This single entity should be created step by step. The first phase covers technical harmonisation and short-term operational enhancements. During a transition phase the charging scheme should be centralised. An agency, created at this stage, will define an overall strategy by which national providers shall abide. The final phase will be the complete integration of providers and staff within a common European Public Agency.

### **IFATCA REPORT**

IFATCA in Europe is currently very much involved in providing input to the Single European Sky Initiative of the European Union and more specifically into the SESAME project, which has just recently been renamed into SESAR – Single European Sky ATM Research ([www.eurocontrol.int/sesar](http://www.eurocontrol.int/sesar)). This harmonization program – split up into different mandates handed to Eurocontrol for stakeholder consultation requires our full attention as it facilitates privatization and competition in European ATM. This development stands in contradiction to the safety aspects the professional associations and our federation are setting as their paramount objective. Competition and long term consolidation of ATS are major fears of ATCOs. Through our involvement we provide valuable input to those groups and have a chance to influence our future in a positive way.

Last year we attended the annual Conference in Melbourne/Australia in April and the European Regional Meeting in Rhodes in October. The reports of both these meetings were published in the OUTPUT magazine, which is also available for download on the EGATS website.

The Annual Conference 2006 will be held in Kaohsiung/Taiwan, between 27<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2006 and the European Region Conference 2006 will take place in Sofia/Bulgaria between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2006.

The EGATS Delegation set up for you to approve for Kaohsiung is as follows:

Director delegation: Patrik Peters

Committee A (Administration): Ive Van Weddingen

Committee B (Technical): Ralf Vigorita

Committee C (Professional) Cornelia Klee

Newcomer (and winner of the EGATS lottery) Adrian Cantero-Sanchez.

Travel has already been arranged through our flight department and the conference organisers. Director Maastricht UAC Mr. Karl-Heinz Kloos in coordination with the Director General Eurocontrol have agreed to support us again for this years conference.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank both of them.

Their help is also reflected by the good reputation EGATS has with regards to IFATCA.

THE CONTROLLER magazine did undergo a major renovation earlier last year when Philippe Domogala took up the challenge to renovate the federations “business card” and main information distribution tool. Amongst others, Philip Marien and myself are contributing editors. The overall response from our survey carried out last summer was positive, we subsequently increased our subscriptions and are currently ordering 80 copies per issue, which are being distributed in the rest areas and the OPS room in the MUAC and mailed to the out-stations.

On a personal note: Due to my increasing involvement in IFATCA – be it through the editing and publishing work in the editorial team of THE CONTROLLER, my leadership of the airspace-team within the SES taskforce or my liaison work between IFATCA and EUROCONTROL, I was approached about 1 1/2 years ago to consider a possible candidature for Executive Vice President Europe for the federation. I gave it a thought and following some discussions, I agreed and have now been put forward by the Executive Board of EGATS for this post.

The Eurocontrol agency and our director Karl-Heinz Kloos promised me their support to be able to tackle this challenge.

The elections will take place during the IFATCA annual conference in Kaohsiung.

Patrik Peters  
EGATS IFATCA Liaison Officer

## **REPORT FLIGHT DEPARTMENT**

Even while our beloved Maastricht UAC, thanks to all of our hard work, has seen a massive and largely unpredicted increase in traffic throughput, combined with an almost unbelievable reduction in delays, the news is not so good from the Flight Department's point of view. We have seen a continued decline in the number of applications we process, thanks mostly to the combination of great deals offered online and the reduction in the quantity as well as the quality of arrangements we can provide. In our post-9/11 aviation universe, most "legacy" airlines are struggling to merely stay above water financially, thanks to a combination of high fuel prices, high costs for almost anything they provide, and the fierce competition of the breakneck expansion in the low-cost airline sector. We have all seen the figures whereby Ryanair is now our 4<sup>th</sup> biggest customer already, and together with the Germanwings, Easyjets and many more, they offer all passengers ways to travel more cheaply than in the recent past. This has meant, for us, that quite a few more airlines have unilaterally cancelled or severely curtailed the offers they had extended to us when times were better, and when the "bottom line" was a distant cousin to offering spare seats to industry staff at a favourable price, or with more or less unlimited flexibility. So, our "casualty list" continues to expand, adding Delta Airlines, Icelandair, KLM Exel (which went bankrupt shortly after) to United Airlines, American Airlines, Emirates, Alitalia and Iberia, to name but the most important ones. In addition, some of our better quality deals (chiefly the ones with the German carriers) have seen serious reductions in their generosity in the past year, notably LTU and Lufthansa.

With all this sombre news, though, it is hard to overlook the fact that we are still able to provide a quality service with some of our carriers at either a very interesting price, or with the bonus of flexibility through open tickets.

It was not the best of times for me to take over as Flight Department Chairman from one of our legendary founding fathers (thanks again to Philippe for the many years of service, and the example you set for us all), but unfortunately, the many changes taking place in society are also reflected in the narrower aviation world. Bureaucracy and restrictions are expanding rapidly, and the "distance" between the cockpit crews and the air traffic control staff seems greater than ever. The aviation world is fast becoming an industry, a commodity, like any other, and while that was perhaps the original goal all along, enabling more people to travel more cheaply than ever (in the spirit of Sir Freddie Laker, one of the original low-cost pioneers, who passed away recently), the sense of adventure and wonderment that used to pervade the community seems to be on the wane. I, for one, find that a pity. I can only hope that deals that were made over the last few months with Virgin Express, Transavia, and Germanwings, to allow our staff to partake again in simulator rides, or cockpit familiarization flights (thanks to Jimmy De Koning and Steven Brichau, team deco 4) can be expanded upon, and also allow flight crews to visit our operations and experience things from the "other side"... After all, better understanding can only lead to better service... Please use these opportunities...

Other than the above notes, we have had a problem-free year. Christiane, Danny, Sven, Catherine, John and I have processed about 200 applications, a small decline from last year. John and Sven are still our point men in trying to negotiate new deals, not easy going these days. Meanwhile, our Brussels branch, in light of much simpler communications (via email and phone), as well as cost-free bank transfers, last year decided to ask to wrap up their separate status, and for us to handle all Brussels

applications directly from Maastricht. I want to take this opportunity again to thank them for all their years of dedication to the task, it was much appreciated by the membership and Maastricht branch.

In conclusion, 2005 has not been our best of years, certainly. But we still are very dedicated to trying to provide a nice service to our membership, and maintain a mutually beneficial relationship with our airline partners.

Steven Pelsmaekers  
Chairman Flight Department

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

In financial terms the year started very well with Interpay directly debiting more than 200 members' accounts with their fees payments for 2005. Not until the end of the year did I discover that the contract EGATS had with Interpay merely allowed the association to withdraw the fees once per year and not that it was actually going to withdraw those fees once per year. Finding anyone at Interpay who actually knew anything about the system was a major task and only with a lot of help from the staff at the ABN AmRo was I able to acquaint myself with OfficeNet. This software will allow me to feed in the names and bank account details of those people who have agreed to the direct debit system and to collectively send them to the bank with but a few clicks of the mouse. This briefly explains the ultra late extraction of your fees for 2006.

As EGATS is, supposedly, one of the richer associations within the IFATCA fold we have on a number of occasions over the years found ourselves volunteering financial support to those associations less fortunate than ourselves. 2005 saw us agreeing to assist Moldova in its efforts to send representatives to the European regional meeting. However, as no formal vote of thanks for our effort was ever received it does lead one to think that perhaps our charitable leanings should be directed at needy institutions located far closer to home. On the subject of charity you were informed on more than one occasion during the year that should your fees payments be doubly received in our coffers (i.e. machtiging and standing order) the second payment would be considered as a donation toward a worthy, and aren't they all, charity of our choice. With a second local Ronald MacDonald house being constructed in nearby Valkenburg this seemed one the most worthy of causes. Their website states that a donation of EUR. 2000 would result in the donor's name being applied to, for example, a small window. We should exceed that figure in the very near future and thus I shall keep you updated on the final destination of your highly appreciated donation. Continuing in the charitable vein our Brussels branch requested authorization to donate a sizeable sum of money to a Tsunami fund. As the branch had not spent any money for many years the approval was forthcoming.

Considering the ease with which international transfers can be made within euroland the EB considered the branch bank accounts at Brétigny and Brussels to be surplus to requirements. Despite being informed to this effect the majority of Brussels members continued to pay their fees into their local account in 2006, including the person who had sent the email to everyone advising them of the new procedure!! Bangs head on wall and submits peacefully to those nice young men in their clean white coats!! Clearly we are in the age of communication, but the age of comprehending the communication being communicated is, evidently, light years into the future!

Looking through the year's figures the only one I can see that might give you cause for concern is to be found under the PR & Hospitality heading. I allowed the budgetted amount to be busted (big-time!) with the purchase of new welcome folders to be handed out to new members. Rather than cheat the system by transferring sums of money from section to section to cover budget overruns I personally find it more effective to bust the budget, which makes it simpler to assess the requirements for the subsequent year.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Paul J. Hooper,  
Treasurer of EGATS

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BALANCE EUR.</b>	<b>BUDGET 2005 EUR.</b>
<b>Directors Account</b>		
Surplus from 2004	8929,27	
Membership Fees 2005 (Exc. BRU)	25715,62	26250,00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>25715,62</b>	<b>26250,00</b>
<b>IFATCA:</b>		
Membership	-3485,41	-4000,00
Magazines	-1992,86	-500,00
Missions	-7153,69	-9000,00
<b>IFATCA Sub-total</b>	<b>-12631,96</b>	<b>-13500,00</b>
Printing & Stationery	-15,98	-250,00
EGATS Computer	0,00	-400,00
Magazine Subscriptions	0,00	-400,00
Bank Charges/Interest	56,88	100,00
To Savings Account	-10000,00	0,00
To Support Fund	-2000,00	-2000,00
Phone/Mail	-56,50	-250,00
Missions	0,00	-2650,00
Miscellaneous	-29,00	-2500,00
Unscheduled Fees Transfers	0,00	0,00
PR/Hospitality	-4560,48	-2500,00
AGM	-283,01	-600,00
Board Meetings	-905,85	-1300,00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>-30425,90</b>	<b>-26250,00</b>
<b>DIRECTORS A/C</b>		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>4218,99</b>	
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</b>		
Balance Savings Account	56460,12	
Balance Support Fund	1024,09	
<b>Total balance</b>	<b>57484,22</b>	
<b>BRUSSELS ACCOUNT</b>		
Membership Fees 2004 (BRU)	2595,10	3200,00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>41,95</b>	
<b>BRETIGNY ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>Balance</b>	<b>1514,60</b>	
<b>BRU Flight Dept. balance</b>	2642,27	
<b>MAS Flight Dept. balance (68.11.29.522)</b>	8647,11	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>11289,38</b>	
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	<b>74549,13</b>	

**Budget 2006**

<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BUDGET EUR.</b>
<b>Directors Account</b>	
Surplus from 2005	<b>4218,99</b>
Membership Fees 2004.	28000,00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS 2006</b>	<b>28000,00</b>
<b>IFATCA:</b>	
Membership	-4000,00
Magazines	-1000,00
Missions	-10000,00
<b>IFATCA Sub-total</b>	<b>-15000,00</b>
Printing & Stationery	-250,00
EGATS Computer	-500,00
Magazine Subscriptions	-400,00
Bank Charges/Interest	100,00
To Savings Account	0,00
To Support Fund	-2000,00
Phone/Mail	-250,00
Missions	-2500,00
Miscellaneous	-2500,00
Unscheduled Fees transfers	0,00
PR/Hospitality	-2900,00
AGM	-500,00
Board Meetings	-1300,00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>-28000,00</b>

**Draft MINUTES of the AGM 2005****Opening – President’s Message**

At 19.35 Patrik Peters opens the meeting by welcoming the members to the 2005 AGM.

A brief explanation is given to Philippe Domogala concerning his proposed Honorary Membership of EGATS. Unfortunately this matter will have to be dealt with next year as it was not announced on this years AGM agenda, an oversight on behalf of the EB.

The Agenda is proposed and accepted.

## **Minutes AGM 2004**

As a follow up to the 2004 AGM – Point 2 of AOB from last years AGM agenda has still not been dealt with. Patrik and Philip Marien will deal with this matter.

Question from Stefan Constam: It was mentioned at last years AGM that it might be possible to have access to Flight Internationals website for all EGATS members. Is there any news on this?

Paul Hooper: This was not possible due to a problem with passwords.

Stefan Constam: Can it be looked into further as people are still interested and by the way the Flight International magazine still keeps disappearing from the Ops room.

Patrik Peters: Paul can you please check again the options.

Philippe Domogala: We should have a library in house, for magazines and internet access etc....

Patrik Peters: I know, let's see what happens when the new extension is built.

No amendments were received so the AGM 2004 minutes are unanimously accepted.

## **Reports**

### **President's Message – Patrik Peters**

The main role for me this year will be my involvement with IFATCA as representative for FBAs (Functional Blocks of Airspace) within the Single European Sky Initiative. Feedback will come from me in the next Output magazine.

We still plan to go ahead with providing The Controller magazine to all members, as was discussed at last years AGM.

Steven Pelsmaekers: I would like to thank EGATS for all the support/funding that it gave this last year.

Patrik Peters: Thank you. With regards the Tsunami Support we gave, I shall write an article for the next issue of Output.

No further questions. Report is unanimously accepted.

### **Executive Secretary – Martin Norris**

Nothing to add.

Professional Committee & Technical Committee – Vincent Poty

With regards the Space Management Project:

The new mattresses will be delivered on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2005.

New equipment for the fitness room will be delivered on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2005

The plans for the kiosk PCs have changed slightly but it is still hoped to group some together in a suitable area.

Question from Steven Pelsmaekers: Again I would like to know if it is possible to have external access to our internal e-mail accounts and to the rosters?

Patrik Peters: We will continue to push for this.

No further questions. Report is unanimously accepted.

Patrik Peters thanks Rob and Kris, who are leaving the EB, for their work for the

Professional and Technical Committee.

### **IFATCA – Philippe Domogola**

Nothing to add to the report.

All the travel arrangements are sorted for the Conference in Melbourne.

SES is the most important issue that IFATCA is involved with at present. Patrik's involvement puts it in a strong position.

More and more countries associations are joining IFATCA.

IFATCA is an excellent Organization at the moment where we at MUAC can promote ourselves.

No further questions. Report unanimously accepted.

Patrik adds that we have again received support from Management for this year's Conferences.

### **Fight Department – Philippe Domogala**

Nothing to add to the report.

The new President of the Flight Department will be Steven Pelsmaekers.

A new "Red Book" is from today in the Ops room. We would urge you to read this before making an application.

Christiane Beins adds that the Flight Department is trying to re-establish the Fam Flight program.

Rob Van Zutphen points out that we already have Fam Flights with Transavia and also a deal with Virgin Express to visit their flight simulator.

No further questions. Report unanimously accepted.

Partik Peters thanks the Flight Dept for their continued hard work.

### **Treasurer**

The introduction of the Machtiging system created quite some extra work. Hopefully things will be better next year.

Question from Philip Marien: What happens with the Brussels and Bretigny accounts?

Paul Hooper: Not much really as they are not really used.

Proposal from Kees Gilvert: EGATS should spend more money to attract the members to the AGM.

Patrik Peters: It has been seen from the past that this doesn't really work.

Question from Steven Pelsmaekers: Does anyone know that EGATS sponsors the Ops room weekend breakfasts?

Nobody is really sure. A proposal is made that we provide napkins with the EGATS logo on as a small PR stunt. This matter will be looked into.

No further questions. Report unanimously accepted.

## **Audit Committee Report**

There were a few problems with The Audit Committee as the people proposed at last year's AGM were unable to act as The Audit Committee. A volunteer was found (Inge Vander Eyken) to audit the accounts from 2004. A letter From Inge (see below) was read out to the AGM.

06.03.2005

F.A.O EGATS AGM.

Due to circumstance the Audit has been carried out this year by myself (Inge Vander Eyken). Could I suggest for the future that the Audit Committee is selected from people who are willing to carry out the task of auditing the EGATS accounts.

The accounts have been audited, and no errors where found. The accounts from Brussels are now shown in the books but there is still no information for the Bretigny account. Because of this the Audit Committee would like to conditionally discharge the Treasurer for the financial year 2004.

Yours,

Inge Vander Eyken.

On behalf of the Audit Committee.

In response Paul Hooper states that the Bretigny Accounts are on their way.

Patrik Peters: As Inge was non- elected I propose we conditionally discharge the Treasurer.

Philip Marien: We should get the new Audit Committee to re-check 2004.

This is unanimously approved by the AGM

## **Introduction Executive Board 2004-2005**

Two members of the Executive Board are leaving, Robert Van Zutphen and Kris Vermeiren.

There is only one person wishing to join the Executive Board of EGATS for 2005-2006. He is Ive Van Weddingen.

Patrik Peters is standing for re-election.

In order to simplify the process the AGM agrees to accept the ones applying for the board, without the need for an election.

Ive is welcomed onto the EGATS Executive Board.

BREAK – The break is skipped.

## **Election Audit Committee/Election Committee**

### **Election Committee**

Philip Marien  
Stefan Constam  
Robert Van Zutphen  
Stand-by: Steven Pelsmaekers

### **Audit Committee**

Stefan Constam  
Koen Degelin  
Stand-by: Andree Leermann

<b>Any Other Business</b>
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1. Steven Pelsmaekers: I would like to mention again the OQAI impasse that was discussed at last years AGM.  
Robert Van Zutphen: Things are still on going, things take time if you what to carry out the process correctly.
2. Stefan Constam: When will the AGM minutes be published?  
  
Patrik Peters: After the IFATCA Annual Conference.

<b>Closing</b>
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Patrik Peters brings the 2005 AGM to a close by presenting presents gifts to Robert Van Zutphen and to Philippe Domogala to thank them for all their work for EGATS. (Kris Vermeiren will receive his gift at a later date as he is not present at the AGM)

Finally Patrik Peters reads out a letter sent from the Belgium Guild thanking the MUAC controllers for their support and extra work during the day of the Belgium controllers strike.

21.50 meeting closed.

Attendance List AGM 2005:

	Name:	Holding proxy-vote for:
1.	Stefan Constam	
2.	Steven Pelsmaekers	Bernd Gundermann
3.	Ralf Zech	
4.	Cornelia Klee	
5.	Ilona Boneen	
6.	Philip Marien	Helen McCarthy
7.	Steve Mention	
8.	Martin Norris	Inge Vander Eyken

9.	Hans-W Becker	
10.	Kees Gilvert	
11.	Christiane Beins	
12.	Ive Van Weddingen	
13.	Koen Degelin	
14.	Andree Leermann	
15.	Robert Van Zutphen	
16.	Raffaele Vigorita	
17.	Paul Hooper	
18.	Patrik Peters	Jan Vermeyt
19.	Philippe Domogala	

