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Panel 4: Ramp inspection programmes: the way forward

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Bart de Vries

Executive Vice President Flight Operations
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines



Bart de Vries is Captain at KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Executive Vice President Flight Operations. In that capacity he is responsible (nominated person) for the flight operations executed by KLM and for the training and checking of all KLM cockpit and cabin crew.

From the beginning of his career at KLM Bart has been involved in various projects and he was an instructor pilot. In 2003, he was appointed as Director of Quality Assurance. From 2006 until 2008 Bart fulfilled the function Vice President Operational Safety & QA where he was responsible for flight Safety and the quality program of KLM. The subsequent period, he was Vice President of the 737-unit of Flight Operations overseeing the 737 operations.

Bart de Vries has extensive international experience. He is a member of the IATA Operations Committee. He has long been a member of the Flight Safety Foundation board of governors and was Chairman of the Technical & Operations Committee of the Association of European Airlines. Also within the International Air Transport Association he has fulfilled a variety of roles.

In his spare time Bart is an active pilot in the historic aviation and he regularly takes part in formation flights at air displays. For setting up and maintaining a quality program within the National Federation of Historical Aviation he received in 2007 the General Aviation Safety Award by the Netherlands Civil Aviation Authorities.

Bart and Chantal live in Heemstede, close to Schiphol Airport. They have 3 children.

Donal Cotter

Vice President Regulatory Affairs
Qatar Airways



Capt. Donal Cotter has worked in the Aviation industry for almost 40 years and is from Ireland.

He is Vice-President Regulatory Affairs with Qatar Airways, based in Doha. Responsible for the Global compliance of Qatar Airways. The Airline operates to over 150 destinations in 77 countries.

Previously Donal spent five years with the Flight Operations Dept. Irish Aviation Authority in Dublin-Manager Airline Standards.

He was a member of the EASA SAFA analysis group Cologne 2012/13.

Corporate Helicopter/Fixed Wing Pilot – B430 and Challenger 604/5.

Airline Capt. / TRE with Ryanair- 1996-2006 - B737- 200/800.

Started aviation career as a SAR Helicopter Pilot with the Irish Air Corps.

Currently Type rated on B737-800 NG with approx. 13000 hrs Total Flight time.

Giancarlo Buono

Director Safety and Flight Operations for Europe
International Air Transport Association



Capt. Giancarlo BUONO is the Director Safety and Flight Operations for Europe at the International Air Transport Association (IATA), based in Brussels, Belgium. In this function he is responsible for the delivery of IATA Safety and Flight Operations Strategy in Europe and for the liaison with European Regulators, the EC and EASA on issues relating to air transport Safety and Flight Operations.

His professional expertise consists of extensive flight operations and quality-safety management experiences. With 27 years of experience in the Air Forces and Airline industry he is currently qualified as a Captain on the Airbus A-320 family. He holds a Master Science Degree in “Air Transport Management” from London City University and has been involved in a number of international Safety and Quality developments programs.

He is qualified as an Accident Investigator and as an IATA and ISO Quality and Safety Auditor. He has received formal training in Human Factors and Crisis Communication.

Capt. BUONO is visiting professor in Airline Regulatory Compliance at London City University and in Safety Management at Geneva University. He is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

John S. Duncan

Director of Flight Standards Service
Federal Aviation Administration



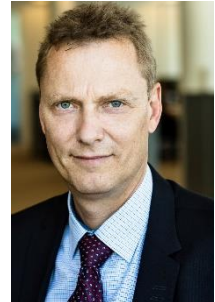
John S. Duncan is the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Director of Flight Standards Service (AFS). He oversees the development, coordination, and execution of policies, standards, systems, and procedures; public rules, regulations, and standards; and program plans that govern the operations, maintenance, and airworthiness of all United States (U.S.) civil aircraft, including those of U.S. flag carriers and foreign carriers when operating in and over the U.S., its territories and possessions. His oversight responsibilities also include proficiency and certification of air agencies (flight schools/maintenance bases) and of qualified airmen (other than air traffic control personnel).

Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Duncan served as the Deputy Director of Flight Standards Policy Oversight. In this capacity, he shared the Director's responsibility for administering and managing the full range of policy development, implementation, integration and evaluation across the organization. He provided executive direction and oversight over the following: International Programs and Policy, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Organizational Resources and Program Management, Air Transportation, Aircraft Maintenance, Flight Technology and Procedures, Flight Standards Training, Regulatory Support, Civil Aviation Registry, and General Aviation and Commercial Divisions.

Mr. Duncan joined the FAA in 1986 as an Aviation Safety Inspector in Cincinnati, Ohio. His recent FAA assignments include serving as Manager of the AFS Alaskan Region from 1998 to 2007, Manager of General Aviation and Commercial Division from 2007 to 2008, and Manager of Air Transportation Division from 2008 to 2012. He is a talented and dedicated safety professional with a sustained commitment to safety, excellence, and service to the people of the U.S.A.

Jesper Rasmussen

Flight Standards Director
European Aviation Safety Agency



Joined the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in 2017 as Flight Standards Director. He is responsible for the development of regulations and standardisation of EU National Authorities in the domains of Aircraft Maintenance, Production, Operations, Aircrew, Aerodromes and Air Traffic Management. His responsibilities also cover the approval of organisations outside of the EU in these domains.

Prior to joining EASA in 2017, Jesper Rasmussen was the deputy director general in the Danish multi-sectoral national authority, where he since 2012 has been responsible for aviation safety as well as railway safety. In this function, he has been a member of the EASA Management Board and represented his country on aviation safety affairs at EU and ICAO level.

Before entering into aviation, Jesper Rasmussen occupied for 20 years other posts in the Danish central government administration, both in the Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Industry, where he was responsible for such domains as road traffic and the construction sector.

The broad cross-sectoral experience has provided Jesper Rasmussen with a range of tools covering risk analysis, effectiveness of regulation and oversight methods. He has always worked with the objective of supporting industry development and innovation, which can be a challenge in such highly regulated sectors. He holds a Ph.D. in social sciences from University of Roskilde, Denmark.

John Bolich

Regional Director of Operations EMEA and India
FedEx Express



FedEx Express EMEA and India Regional Director of Operations and 777F captain.
29 years at FedEx with 10 years of operational management and 9 years of simulator/aircraft flight training instruction and standards check airman duties.

Led the original FAA FAR Part 121 EFB certification as well as FedEx domestic and flag certifications.