



Ever Upward: October 2015

Harrah's Resort Hotel and Conference Center--A Meeting Venue You Can Bet On!

By Jeffrey Svntek, Executive Director

The 87th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association is scheduled for April 24-28, 2016, at the Harrah's Resort Hotel and Conference Center (<https://www.caesars.com/harrahs-ac>) in Atlantic City, NJ. No more meetings interfering with Mother's Day! In preparation for next year's meeting, a small group of AsMA and FAA leaders visited this brand new meeting site to ensure we understand the venue layout and begin the process of assigning scientific session rooms, committee meeting rooms, AsMA Wing Hospitality room, registration space, and organizing the exhibit hall spaces. The conference center portion of the Harrah's Resort is completely new. Construction started in the summer of 2014. Our team visited the new conference center in July 2015 and found the conference center still under construction, but very close to completion. The first conference group held their event in September and all worked well.

Getting to Atlantic City

For this visit, Gisselle Vargas (AsMA Operations Manager), my wife Debra, and I drove to Atlantic City. The drive from the DC area took about 3.5 hours and several toll payments. We arrived mid-afternoon at Harrah's Resort, located near the Atlantic City Marina, but still relatively close to the famous Atlantic City Boardwalk. We learned that Atlantic City Jitneys (<http://jitneyac.com/>) offer rides around Atlantic City for \$2.25/person (\$2.00/person frequent rider or \$0.75/person senior citizen). Parking at the Harrah's Resort is ample. AsMA has made arrangements with the Harrah's Resort for complimentary self-parking during our April 2016 meeting. If you require valet parking, we have arranged for a one-time \$10.00 valet parking fee.

The Atlantic City Airport (ACY) is nearby, but the only airlines flying in and out of Atlantic City Airport are Spirit Airlines and Air Canada. Both airlines offer a small number of flights to Atlantic City Airport each

day. The Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) is about 1 hour from Atlantic City. You can fly from almost anywhere in the world to the Philadelphia International Airport. Ground transportation from PHL to Harrah's is available. SEPTA rail runs frequently between the airport and the AMTRAK 30th Street Station. From the 30th Street Station you can take the NJ Transit train to Atlantic City (http://www.phl.org/passenger-info/transportationservices/Pages/cct_connect.aspx). Obtaining a rental car at the airport and driving to Atlantic City would be useful and with complimentary self-parking could prove to be cost effective (note: there are tolls between PHL and Atlantic City).

Upon entering the Harrah's Resort from the parking garage, we arrived in the gaming area. A short walk led us to the front of the Registration desk with the gaming area to our right and shops, dining, and hotel tower elevators to our left. The new conference center is also to the left of the registration area near the shops, dining, and hotel tower elevators. All of our scientific sessions and committee meetings will take place in the new conference center, so once you've checked into the resort you need not enter the gaming area again unless you choose to do so. Most social events will also occur in the new conference center.

The AsMA room block will be distributed across the four room towers (Marina, Harbor, Bayview, Waterfront). Of significance, Harrah's Resort is offering rooms for all attendees at the U.S. Government per diem rate. The April 2016 per diem room rate for the Atlantic City, NJ, area is \$97.00 U.S. plus applicable taxes per night! What a great room rate for our meeting.

The Registration Area is large and extremely well planned. There were several sitting areas for people to gather and chat. Check-in was efficient and the reservation personnel were extremely nice. With key in hand, we went to our rooms.

My room was one of the nicest hotel rooms I have ever seen. The bathroom was large with nice fixtures and was very clean. The king size bed was extremely well appointed and comfortable. The furniture in the room was very nice and comfortable. Debra and I very much enjoyed our short stay in this room.

The next morning, we met with Walt and Phil Galanty of AIM Meetings & Events. We walked the new conference center facility (wearing hard hats) to get familiar with the venue and to prepare ourselves for

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Harrah's Resort--The exterior of the hotel shown in the nighttime with the new conference center.



Conference Center--The interior of the new conference center.



Covered Pool--The covered pool, which is adults only, shown in the daytime.

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the official site visit scheduled for the next day. Harrah's Conference Center offers a very large amount of terrific meeting spaces for our Annual Scientific Meeting. The new conference center has two floors of meeting space with multiple configurations. We immediately realized there is more space available in this new conference center than we require, but we were assured all of the conference center is ours for the week! Following the tour, we sat and started planning the proper configuration for the space and by dinner time we had a good plan for the most efficient layout for our 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting. We met for a wonderful dinner at the Steakhouse Restaurant located inside the Harrah's Resort and turned in for the evening.

The following morning, our full team gathered for a wonderful breakfast provided by the Harrah's Resort. The AsMA team included Kris Belland (AsMA President), Harriet Lester (AsMA Arrangements Committee Co-Chair), Fred Bonato (AsMA Arrangements Committee Co-Chair), Walt and Phil Galanty (AIM Meetings & Events), Donnel Chandler and Trellis Woods (AV Century Solutions), Kris Herlitz (The Herlitz Company - Exhibits Manager), Janice Dudley (AsMA Wing), Jan Wright (FAA), Debra, and me. During breakfast, the AsMA team introduced ourselves to the Harrah's Resort Team and we discussed our Annual Scientific Meeting schedule, attendees, and processes, as well as some of the unique activities for our Annual Scientific Meeting. Then we were off to walk the property with the Harrah's Resort staff.

Our tour offered us the opportunity to carefully view all of the meeting space available to us for the 87th Annual Scientific Meeting in the Harrah's Resort Conference Center. The meeting space is exceptional with large rooms and high ceilings in all areas. We were all impressed with the outside spaces too. Large outside verandas are located off the main level and second levels. These were identified as possible sites for social events. However, as the weather in Atlantic City can sometimes be quite wet and cool in April, we must ensure we have proper indoor space reserved should we need to move the social events back indoors.

The hotel also offers an outdoor pool for all guests as well as an adult-only covered pool. If you are in need of some pampering, make an appointment at the Red Door Spa. Shopping is abundant in the hotel as well. If there isn't enough to keep you in the Harrah's Resort, Atlantic City offers you even more.

Beach & Boardwalk Offer Big Fun

Sun, sand, towering resort hotels, the bustling Boardwalk, the awe-inspiring Atlantic—this is one beach party you don't want to miss. Atlantic City's beaches are famous, and rightly so. Everything you could possibly want is right here within walking distance, from shops to five-star restaurants to casinos, attractions, and great shows—all benefits of being one of the few American beaches with boardwalks. What better way to cap a day of scientific sessions than a pleasant sunset walk on the shore? And should you want to venture into the waves, you can surf, fish, parasail, windsurf, kayak, or embark on a relaxing cruise.



Boardwalk--A view of Atlantic City's Boardwalk showing shops on one side and the beach on the other.

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Construction on Atlantic City's world-famous Boardwalk began in 1870 and from then on it has become an America icon. Stroll along the Boardwalk and enjoy ocean views on one side and shopping on the other.

Shopping

Atlantic City shopping offers it all: from high-end retail options to discounted brand-name fashions and accessories at a favorite factory outlet mall, and everything in between. Best of all, Atlantic City offers shoppers tax-free shopping on clothing and shoes. On the world-famous Atlantic City Boardwalk, you'll find Atlantic City staples like salt-water taffy or delicious fudge, souvenir stores, and specialty shops.

Atlantic City's Tanger Outlets--The Walk features a collection of more than 100 retail outlets like Nike, Hilfiger, Chico's, H&M, and DKNY, to name a few. The Playground is a shopping and entertainment complex that includes exclusive retail shops such as Gucci, Apple, L'Occitane, and Burberry. The Quarter at Tropicana offers a unique New Jersey shopping experience in shops like Zephyr Gallery, Swarovski, and The Old Farmer's Almanac General Store. Be sure to check out Hamilton Mall in the nearby town of Mays Landing to find brand name and chain stores.

Bargain hunters and fashionistas: prepare to rack up the sales on apparel and accessories, footwear, fragrances, sunglasses, watches, and more. From kids clothing to plus sizes, malls to mom-and-pops, it's covered.

Atlantic City Restaurants Feature Many Cuisines

Budget buffets, delicious down-home diners, five-star restaurants featuring famous chefs—it's all on the menu in Atlantic City. The countless restaurants offer new takes on classic dishes, favorite comfort foods, and international flavors you may have never tried before. The Atlantic City dining scene is so popular, there's even an annual celebration of it every spring during Atlantic City Restaurant Week.

Galleries & Museums Highlight Atlantic City Culture and Creativity

It's hard not to be inspired by Atlantic City's vibrant colors, bustling activity, and natural beauty. The proof is in the city's art galleries, museums, and cultural events. Browse indoor fine art galleries such as the Atlantic City Art Center or venture outside to one of Atlantic City's popular art parks created by both local and world-renowned artists.

The stories behind the city are just as inspiring as the art—check out Atlantic City's many museums and monuments honoring the Civil Rights movement, war heroes, and figureheads that made Atlantic City what it is today.

Join Us!

I am excited about the beautiful Harrah's Resort and Conference Center. What a great location for our 87th Annual Scientific Meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in Atlantic City, NJ, on April 24-28, 2016.



Steel Pier--Atlantic City's Steel Pier offers kiddie rides, extreme rides, an amusement arcade, and food.

Want to know more?

For more information on travel to and sights in Atlantic City, please visit AsMA's Helpful Links page at <http://www.asma.org/annual-meetings/helpful-links> for suggestions of places to go and links to Atlantic City tourist information. There is a Google map on that page for exploration of the areas around the hotel. Check it out!

Focus on Members: Dr. Silvio Finkelstein

Silvio Finkelstein, M.D., had the honor of working in the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO's) Aviation Medicine Section for 23



years, starting as an Aviation Medical Officer at the beginning of 1971 and being promoted to Chief in 1975, retiring in 1994. Many important developments took place during that period. In his opinion, the prohibition of smoking in aircraft and the initial steps, in south East Asia towards improved management of public health events in the aviation sector are the most salient points. Other important points relate to the recognition by the ICAO Council of the importance of aviation medicine by granting the Edward Warner Award to the Academy and Past Presidents of

both the Academy and the Aerospace Medical Association.

A major event took place in 1981. Dr. Stanley Mohler (former AsMA President) nominated Dr. Harry Armstrong, also a Past President of AsMA, to receive the prestigious ICAO Edward Warner Award. This award, in the words of a former Director of ICAO's Legal Bureau is the "Nobel Prize equivalent for aviation." Dr. Finkelstein was chief of the ICAO Aviation Medicine Section (C/MED) at the time and was summoned by ICAO's President (who chairs the Council's Edward Warner Award Committee) to answer questions related to the nominee and the nominator. Very satisfied with his comments, the Committee recommended to Council that the award be given to Dr. Armstrong. It was the only time in ICAO's history that the Ceremony did not take place in connection with an ICAO Assembly (the 3-yearly gathering in Montreal of all ICAO member States). Since Dr. Armstrong was very ill, Dr. Assad Kotaite, President of the ICAO Council at the time, flew to San Antonio and presented the award there. It should be noted that the granting of the award was a recognition by ICAO's Council of the importance of the discipline of Aviation Medicine. On two more occasions the award was presented to an aviation medicine related organization or individual, once to the International Academy of Aviation and Space Medicine itself and the other to Dr. Finkelstein himself, the first time a former ICAO Staff member and a past president of the Academy had received it.

During Dr. Finkelstein's tenure as the Chief of Aviation Medicine Section at ICAO, standardized courses for Designated Medical Examiners (DMEs) commenced. The second edition of the MED Manual was published in English, French, Spanish, and Russian. A standard calling for obligatory training in AVMED for DMEs was adopted (although it was not until 2005 that this training was made mandatory prior to appointment). The ICAO Warner Award was granted to a physician, Dr. Harry Armstrong, in recognition of Aviation Medicine. A French-speaking aviation medical officer was recruited and a non-smoking policy for ICAO meeting rooms was adopted. Assistance was provided to French-speaking Contracting States and improvements of French versions of MED Documents were published. Regional seminars were provided for franco-

phone African States. A major study on flight fatigue and on smoking in aircraft was initiated as were studies on prevention of substance abuse in the workplace, human factors, and implications of AIDS. ICAO worked with the European Community on a major revision of ICAO medical standards, co-operated with Canadian authorities to develop programs for post-graduate education and research in civil aviation medicine, and liaised with WHO on matters related to substance abuse and smoking in aircraft. The resolution A29-15 calling for a ban on smoking in aircraft was adopted by the ICAO Assembly. Thus, when Dr. Finkelstein retired in 1994 from ICAO and returned to Argentina, he felt happy to have contributed to ICAO's Aviation Medicine Section programs and activities.

Dr. Finkelstein is an Emeritus Member and Fellow of the Aerospace Medical Association. He was the 1995 recipient of the Harry G. Moseley Award and serves on the Air Transport Medicine Committee. He is also a member of the Iberoamerican Association of Aerospace Medicine.

New Members

Burchett, Jason A., Capt., USAF, FS, Ellsworth AFB, SD
Chen, Andy, Dr., Austin, TX
Denison, Chuck, Dr., Laramie, WY
Golich, Frank C., Dr., Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
Huang, Mark T., Parsippany, NJ
Iglesias, Samuel I., P.A., McAllen, TX
Kemp, Philip M., Ph.D., Oklahoma City, OK
Langdon, James, Dr., Knoxville, TN
Lynch, Timothy, Dr., San Diego, CA
Mahakian, Charles G., Lt. Col., USAF, M.D., Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
O'Hara, Maybritt R. S., Dr., Jerslev J, Denmark
Sainton, Gilles, Dr., Stoke, Canada
Timberlake III, William T., Capt., UAF, M.D., JBSA-Randolph, TX

ATS 2016 International Conference CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The contribution of nearly 6,000 abstracts and case reports each year is one of the many reasons the American Thoracic Society International Conference is the preeminent meeting in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. This is a unique opportunity to showcase your work to more than 12,000 of the world's leading researchers and clinicians in the fields of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. Don't miss it!

You are invited to submit an abstract (<http://conference.thoracic.org/program/call-for-abstracts.php>) on your research or a unique case report to be considered for the ATS 2016 International Conference, which will be held May 13-18 in San Francisco, California. **The deadline to submit an abstract or case report is 5 p.m. EST Nov. 4, 2015.**

Membership in the ATS is not a prerequisite for submission, though members save significantly on conference registration.

NEWS OF CORPORATE MEMBERS

Mayo Clinic Receives Federal Grant to Test Breast Cancer Vaccine

Researchers on Mayo Clinic's Florida campus have been awarded a \$13.3 million, 5-year federal grant to test a vaccine designed to prevent the recurrence of triple-negative breast cancer, a subset of breast cancer for which there are no targeted therapies. The clinical trial, which will enroll 280 patients at multiple clinical sites, is expected to begin early in 2016. The grant, the Breakthrough Award from the U.S. Department of Defense's Breast Cancer Research Program, will fund a national, phase II clinical trial testing the ability of a folate receptor alpha vaccine to prevent recurrence of this aggressive cancer following initial treatment. A 22-patient phase I clinical trial, previously conducted by the grant's principal investigator, Keith Knutson, Ph.D., in the Department of Immunology at Mayo Clinic's Florida campus, found the vaccine was safe. It did not induce autoimmunity—a failure of the body's immune system to recognize its own cells and tissues as "self"—as some vaccines can. The vaccine was designed by Dr. Knutson and initially tested by researchers at Mayo Clinic's Rochester, MN, campus for safety and its ability to stimulate the immune system. It exploits the need of triple-negative breast cancer to take in folic acid, an essential vitamin, to grow. Because of that need, these tumors overproduce the folate receptor alpha, which latches on to folic

acid in the tumor's microenvironment. The vaccine is designed to boost the immune system to rapidly react to presence of the receptor on cancer cells early in the course of tumor recurrence.

—Please see <http://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/mayo-clinic-receives-large-federal-grant-to-fund-clinical-test-of-innovative-triple-negative-breast-cancer-vaccine/> to read more about this.

Gentex Demonstrates Defense Solutions at DSEI

Gentex Corporation demonstrated their industry leading lines of Gentex, Ops-Core, and ALPHA helmet systems for both ground and air applications at DSEI (Defence Security & Equipment International) in mid-September in London. Featured among them was their latest innovations for aircrew, a cross platform helmet system and laser defense eyewear. Gentex added the ALPHA product line to its aircrew portfolio in July 2014 with the acquisition of Helmet Integrated Systems Limited. Since then, they've combined the world-class product lines, technologies, and manufacturing resources of the two companies to expand their international business and provide customers greater value. Other innovative solutions on display from the company included the Ops-Core RAC headset, now in production, and a live, on-the-water display with partner

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Survitec of the Gentex LVIS Digital, a modular intercom system for combatant, patrol and rescue craft.

—Please visit <http://www.gentexcorp.com/news-events/news/gentex-corporation-demonstrates-more-robust-line-of-defense-solutions-at-dsei> for more information.

Essex Receives Order from Qantas

Essex Industries recently announced an order from Qantas for their Protective Breathing Equipment (PBE) has been placed. The Essex PBE is designed to provide crewmembers with ocular, head, and respiratory protection during emergency conditions in an aircraft cabin. A minimum of 15 minutes of protection is provided to the wearer, as aviator's grade oxygen is released into the unit. Its design provides 270° of visibility and eliminates the need for an oral/nasal mask so that crewmembers can communicate while wearing the unit. The PBE holds FAA TSO-C116 and TSO-C99 approvals as well as CAA, EASA, CAAC, and ANAC approvals. Recognized for their safe design, Essex PBE units are installed in the majority of U.S. airlines and a number of carriers throughout the world.

—Please see http://essexindustries.com/news_view?nid=648 for more.

ETC's NASTAR Center Receives Recertification from the FAA

The NASTAR® Center, a premier aviation training and research center run by Environmental Tectonics Corporation (ETC), recently announced the recertification of its STS-400 Space Training System and 12/4 Altitude Chamber Training System by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The STS-400 is a high performance human centrifuge used to train and condition suborbital spaceflight participants for the rigors of suborbital spaceflight. The 12/4 Altitude Chamber is used to demonstrate the effects of high altitude flight for hypoxia, rapid decompression, and other effects of high altitude exposure to air and space pilots, crew, and passengers. Both systems demonstrated compliance with a variety of inspections and observations made by the FAA on in mid-August that were aimed at ensuring that continued operational and safety obligations were being met. The STS-400 and 12/4 Altitude Chamber were manufactured by ETC and have been operational at the NASTAR Center since its inception in 2007.

—Please visit <https://www.etcusa.com/faq-issues-recertification-of-nastar-center-sts-400-and-altitude-chamber/> for further information.

NIOSH Awards Cooperative Agreements for Worker Injury Surveillance

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) recently announced funding for cooperative agreements with 26 organizations for occupational injury and illness surveillance. The awards include renewals for 23 previously funded state programs and new awards to 3 additional state programs. The 26 awarded institutions consist of 21 state departments of health, 3 universities (University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Kentucky Research Foundation, and Michigan State University), and 2 state departments of labor (Montana and Washington). The NIOSH extramural funding totals approximately \$6.7 million for the initial year of funding. There are 21 states which received 5-year cooperative agreements and 5 states which received 1 year of funding and are expected to compete again for funding at the end of that 1-year period. NIOSH is awarding support for three types of surveillance programs – Fundamental Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Surveillance Programs, Fundamental-Plus OHS Surveillance Programs, and Expanded OHS Surveillance Programs.

—Please see <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/updates/upd-9-14-15.html> to read more about this.

AFBA Announces Consolidation

Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA) and 5Star Life Insurance Company (5Star Life), an AFBA related enterprise, recently announced consolidation with The Shuey Agency (TSA), effective at the beginning of September. AFBA is the leading provider in the National Guard market with over 140k active certificates of life insurance in force in 36 states and territories. TSA has been the third-party administrator for the largest segment of AFBA's National Guard business since 2002. The combined entity will create a new business structure that will provide high-value life insurance protection with no military specialty or combat or war exclusions to its National Guard members and their families. The consolidation

will generate significant opportunities to further support AFBA's military markets.

—For more on this story, please visit <http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20150901006713/en/AFBA-5Star-Life-Insurance-Company-Announce-Consolidation#.Vehj2vViko>.

AOPA Reports on Proposed Alaska F-35 Base

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) encouraged members who fly in Alaska to study the Air Force's proposal to base two squadrons of new Lockheed-Martin F35 Lightning II fighter aircraft at Eielson Air Force Base, and to participate in public hearings that were scheduled in September in North Pole, Delta Junction, and Fairbanks. According to the draft Environmental Impact Statement released September 4, the Air Force proposes to house 54 of the new fighter aircraft at Eielson. Eielson Air Force Base's "strategic proximity" to the Asia-Pacific region and the Arctic make it the preferred alternative for the base, which would see new aircraft arriving starting in 2019, if the plan is approved. The basing proposal is up for consideration as AOPA has been working with state and local pilots' groups to mitigate the impact on general aviation operations of the large swath of military airspace in interior Alaska that forms the core of the 67,000-square-mile Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC). AOPA has advocated for improved radio communications throughout the complex, allowing civil pilots to communicate directly with military range controllers who can provide real-time information on airspace status. AOPA is also seeking increased access for general aviation IFR flights—and has pointed out in formal comments that the airspace complex is too large to circumnavigate, and is active approximately 240 days a year. AOPA encourages their members to submit formal comments on the proposal by October 20.

—Please see <http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2015/September/17/Hearings-set-on-proposed-Alaska-F35-base> to learn more about this.

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Corporate News Bites

United: United Airlines is continuing its partnership with Chase Card Services and Visa Inc. in order to extend the United Mileage Plus credit card. This extension will allow United to continue to offer a credit card program across multiple platforms. Card members will also continue to enjoy access to exclusive events. For more on this, please visit <http://newsroom.united.com/index.php?s=20295&item=124588>.

InoMedic: InoMedic recently held their third annual Donation Creations Team Competition, which resulted in the collection of 2,177 lb. of items for the Central Brevard Sharing Center. It helped make the Feds Feed Families food drive a success. To read the Facebook post and see the accompanying photos, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/IHAMedical/posts/655949434542505>.

Baxter: Baxter's International Foundation funds the STTI Episteme Award, given by the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), who recently named Jacquelyn Campbell, Ph.D., R.N., the 2015 recipient. The Baxter International Foundation was honored to recognize Dr. Campbell, who is the Anna D. Wolf Chair and Professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. The Episteme Award is given to a nurse who has contributed significantly to nursing knowledge development, application, or discovery that results in a recognizable and sizable benefit to the public. For more on this, please see the news release at <http://www.baxter.com/news-media/newsroom/press-releases/2015/09-16-15-episteme.page>.

ALPA: On the 14th anniversary of 9/11, members and staff of the Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l, gathered in the Remembrance Garden at ALPA's Herndon, VA, offices to honor the memories of those lost and to affirm the union's commitment to advance aviation security in their names. ALPA president Capt. Tim Canoll spoke about the victims of this tragedy, acknowledging that we are "guardians of their legacy." To see the news release, please visit <http://www.alpa.org/news-and-events/news-room/2015-09-11-nine-eleven-remembrance>.

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Air Canada Named Canada's Preferred Airline

Air Canada has been named Canada's favorite airline for business travel in the Ipsos Reid Business Traveller Survey. Air Canada was preferred by 86% of Canadian frequent business travelers surveyed for 2015, an improvement of 17 percentage points in Air Canada's ratings in the national survey over the past 7 years. The survey showed consistently strong ratings in customer preference for Air Canada's frequent flyer reward program, flight schedule, Business Class service and Maple Leaf Lounges. Overall satisfaction with service has continued to increase, with 95% intending to use Air Canada for business travel in the coming year. Air Canada was also the airline most often flown to the United States for 50% of respondents.

—To read more about this please visit <http://aircanada.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=43&item=923>.

SAA Promotes Locally Made Wine

South African Airways, the national flag carrier, has taken a step to promote locally made wine. As one of the world's top producers of quality wine, South Africa annually exports millions of liters. Until recently, SAA was offering French Champagne in its business class cabins but going forward, the best South African Méthode Cap Classiques will be on offer on board most regional and international flights in business class, as well as in the airline's lounges. SAA's on board wine offering has a proud and highly decorated history. Most recently, its business class offering was ranked third and fifth, respectively, in the Best Sparkling Wines International Business Class and Best Red Wine International Business Class categories in the Global Traveller's 11th annual "Wines on the Wing" airline wine competition. SAA customers can currently enjoy some of South Africa's foremost Méthode Cap Classiques.

—Please visit <http://www.flysaa.com/us/en/flyingSAA/News/South-African-Airways-makes-a-Proudly-South-African-commitment-to-promote-locally-made-wine.html> for more about this story.

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May 13-18, 2016; American Thoracic Society International Conference (ATS 2016); San Francisco, CA. The ATS is accepting the submission of scientific and case report abstracts on all aspects of respiratory disease, critical care, and sleep medicine. **The deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, at 5 PM EST.** For more information, please see the [Call for Papers](#) or visit the [Call for Abstracts page](#) of the ATS website.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

October 12-16, 2015; 66th International Astronautical Congress (IAC 2015); Jerusalem, Israel. For more information, please visit <http://www.iac2015.org/cost-and-payments/>.

October 26-30, 2015; 2015 International Annual Meeting of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society; JW Marriott Los Angeles at L.A. Live. For more, please visit <https://www.hfes.org/Web/HFESMeetings/2015annualmeeting.html>.

November 2-4, 2015; 53rd Annual SAFE Symposium; Caribe Royale Hotel & Convention Center, Orlando, FL. For more information, please visit <http://www.safeassociation.com/index.cfm/page/symposium-overview>.

November 2-4, 2015; International Air Safety Summit (IASS); Miami, FL. For more, please visit <http://flightsafety.org/meeting/iaass-2015>.

November 3-4, 2015; Injury Mechanism Analysis in Aerospace Accident Investigation Workshop; Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) Auditorium, Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma City, OK. For more or to register, please visit http://www.faa.gov/data_research/research/med_humanfacs/aeromedical/aai_workshop/.

November 10-12, 2015; The XI International Scientific and Practical Conference "Manned Space Flights"; Star City, Russia. For more information, please visit <http://msf2015starcity.com/en>.

November 23-25, 2015; ICAO World Aviation Forum: Aviation Partnerships for Sustainable Development; ICAO Headquarters, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. For more information, please visit <http://www.icao.int/meetings/iwaf2015/Pages/default.aspx>.

December 3-5, 2015; First UAE International Symposium on Air Sport Medicine. This symposium is being held as part of the FAI World Air Games Dubai 2015 from Dec. 1-12. For more information, please see <http://www.worldairgames.aero/>.

Upcoming FAA AME Seminars

Dates	Location	Seminar Type
Oct. 8-10	Ft. Worth, TX	CAMA
Oct. 26-30	OK City, OK	Basic
Nov. 20-22	St. Louis, MO	Refresher
Jan. 29-31, 2016	Houston, TX	Refresher

For more information on these or to register, please visit the FAA's AME Seminar page: http://www.faa.gov/other_visit/aviation_industry/designees_delegations/designee_types/ame/seminar_schedule/.

PLEASE NOTE: The only FAA seminar AsMA takes registrations for is the one held in conjunction with our annual meeting in May.

Future AsMA Annual Scientific Meetings

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 April 29-May 4, 2017; Sheraton Denver Downtown; Denver, CO
 May 6-10, 2018; Hilton Anatole Hotel; Dallas, TX
 May 5-9, 2019; Rio All Suites Hotel; Las Vegas, NV