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1. **PETER O'DONOVAN-ILAND R.I.P.**



It is with great regret that the death is announced of Peter O'Donovan-Iland, Director of Marketing, BWIA West Indies Airways. He was 49. Peter was taken ill after a flight back into the UK, and died shortly afterwards.

His Requiem Mass was exceptionally well attended, and reflected the high esteem in which he was held. Our sympathies are expressed to his wife and son, Lee and Ben, and to the staff at BWIA.

2. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS

We say farewell to some delegates, but are pleased to welcome their replacements:

<u>Airline member</u>	<u>Welcome</u>	<u>Farewell</u>
Air Algerie	Mr Bsikri	Mr Mohamed Djalal
Air Jamaica	to be advised	Mr Tony Cowles
Air Malta	Mr Ray Borg	Mr Dale Keller
Air Mauritius	Mr Dale Keller	Mr Chris Gilbert
Air New Zealand	Mr Scott Carr	Mr Simon Bean
All Nippon Airways	Mr Katsuhito Nishihori	Mr Fumiaki Yonesato
British Airways	Mr Tom King	Dr Paul Ellis
Kuwait Airways	Mr Waleed Bin Naji	Mr Khalid Al Bustan

<u>Associate member</u>	<u>Welcome</u>	<u>Farewell</u>
Airport Express	Ms Diane Burke	Mrs Annette Davies

3. CHANGES TO THE BOARD

Changes of responsibility and a career change have seen three directors leave the Board.

They are **Dr Paul Ellis** (also Vice Chairman) of British Airways, **Mr Simon Bean** of Air New Zealand, and **Mr Tony Cowles** of Air Jamaica.

The Board expresses its deep appreciation and wishes them all every success in their future careers.

- Paul Ellis has been promoted to the role of General Manager Infrastructure for BA, and his contact details remain the same.
- Simon Bean has established his own travel services company, **Beacon Representation**. Those wishing to find out more can contact him at:
Website : www.beaconrepresentation.com
E-mail : simon@beaconrepresentation.com
Mobile : +44 07920 754502
- Tony Cowles has been appointed Managing Director of Sandals Hotels in the UK.

NB. Not on the Board, but on the move, is Chris Gilbert, a good supporter of BAR UK, who has been appointed as Sales Director of One and Only Hotels.

4. NIGHT FLYING RESTRICTIONS



The Department for Transport (DfT) has now published its decisions in respect of night flying movements, and noise count, at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted. The measures take effect from October 2006.

In brief, the decisions represent essentially 'no change' at Heathrow, although there is a requirement to reduce the overall noise levels by 2012 through the introduction of quieter aircraft.

The situation at Gatwick is better than contained in the original proposals. These had called for a drastic reduction in the noise of each aircraft movement, and also in the number of movements themselves.

Several respondees to the consultation made the point that the year of 2002-3, against which future movements were based, was unrealistic, due to the effects of SARS and 9/11.

Consequently, a greater number of movements has been authorised than was stated in the consultation paper.

5. AIR TRANSPORT CONSULTATIONS

a. E Borders

The e-Borders team of the Home Office makes every effort to work with the airline community.

This was demonstrated by the day-long seminar held for BAR UK members and other airlines on 18 May, which was fully-hosted by the e-Borders team.

The issue of costs arose at the seminar, and so now is the time to determine exactly what the airlines are expected to pay for, and what tangible results they, and their passengers, will obtain as a result.

More information on these matters is expected during the next few months.

b. Mixed Mode

There was disappointment that the consultation on mixed mode operations at Heathrow had been postponed. Mixed mode would permit greater efficiency and flexibility in the use of both runways by permitting landings and take-offs on either runway, compared to one or the other policy that currently applies.

The airline community recognises that there are several environmental issues that need to be resolved before mixed mode could be approved but, nevertheless, looks forward to the commencement of the consultation process.

Mixed operations are a vital component in improving the efficiency of Heathrow, and growing the number of aircraft and passengers that can use it.

6) BAA PURCHASED BY FERROVIAL 

The purchase of BAA by Ferrovial is due to proceed unless any other bidder comes forward by 26 June.

BAR UK will not offer any comment except to say it looks forward to developments with interest.

A complex situation is made even more interesting by the ongoing 'Constructive Engagement' process concerning airport charges for the 2008-13 period, and the separate review that is due to take place by the Office of Fair Trading.

7) EXPANSION OF IRIS SCHEME AT UK AIRPORTS

Readers are reminded that the IRIS scheme is a fast track immigration process, which cuts out arrivals queuing at immigration desks. The scheme is gradually being extended to other terminals at Heathrow and Gatwick, and also to other UK airports.

For full details, please visit: www.iris.gov.uk

8) GATWICK EXPRESS - CHANGE AT THE TOP, BUT AHEAD?



David Stretch, Managing Director of Gatwick Express, is shortly leaving that company to become Director of Communications at Gatwick Airport Ltd. He will be a most valuable ally in the campaign to maintain this great rail service. His successor is Peter Cotton.

Meanwhile, any decision on the future of the service remains uncertain. The DfT is assessing the two sets of scheduling proposals put forward by National Express/BAA on one hand, and Govia/Southern railways on the other.

Informal indications are there will not be a decision in the short term; consequently, representations need to be maintained to retain the future of Gatwick Express now, and for the long-term future. Those representations continue to be made by BAR UK and from abroad.

9) Future Heathrow



BAR UK members were addressed by Campaign Director, Lord Clive Soley, at the General Meeting on 18 May.

Members are encouraged to respond to the pre-paid cards inside, to write to their MP in whose constituency they are located, and to distribute the information to their staff.

10) SKILLS FOR SENIOR AIRLINE ROLE AVAILABLE

Many BAR UK members will know Conor Prendergast, IATA's regional manager in the UK & Ireland.

Conor is moving on from IATA at the end of July and is seeking a senior role in the UK's airline industry. He has over 20 years' experience working with airlines and industry suppliers and, in addition to the experience of running IATA in the UK, has extensive knowledge of wider aviation matters.

BAR UK members interested in contacting Conor can do so on:

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11) BAR UK OFFICE - HOLIDAY CLOSURE ADVICE

Members are advised that the office of BAR UK will be closed for holidays between Wednesday 23 August and Friday 1 September inclusive.

It will reopen on Monday 4 September.

Best wishes for a good and relaxed summer break are sent to all of our readers.

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