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Welcome to the July edition of the EAASP newsletter The Sentinel.

This is the first edition produced following on from our very successful conference in Gibraltar which saw approximately 80 delegates from across Europe attend. The Executive Committee are extremely grateful to the whole planning team from Gibraltar but it would be wrong not to single out the efforts of John Pizarro who was instrumental in planning and co-ordinating the efforts with the executive committee.

The conference got underway with an excellent welcome reception held in the Garrison Library and gardens on the evening of Monday 21st followed by a grand opening ceremony in John Mackintosh square. The conference was formally opened by Minister the Honourable Daniel Feetham and it was followed by a civic reception hosted by the local mayor.



Left: Ex President Bill Woodside with minister the honourable Mr Feetham, the Mayor and Conference host Commissioner Louis Wink from the Royal Gibraltar Police.

This years conference saw the Executive Committee strive to bring a diverse range of speakers from across Europe to address the conference theme;

“Working in partnership to develop effective portal security”

Topics included the Glasgow airport bombing, serious and organised crime at Frankfurt Airport, Counter Terrorism in Portugal, Organised crime at airports in Sweden, Frontex developments, Europol, Maritime Nodal Governance – Rotterdam, Baltic co-operation-Sweden, Money laundering –Gibraltar, VAT Crime at ports, European Commission maritime update and also issues affecting the Cruise industry. The primary speaker was Mr Abdelhak Ezzoubir who talked about Counter Terrorism activities in Morocco, which was well received and brought a whole new dynamic to the speaker programme for the EAASP. The content of all presentations was excellent and some of the presentations are on CD with a few copies remaining. If anyone who was not in attendance would like a copy please email Paul Campbell at ; paul.campbell@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

The highlight of the week was the final evening which saw the Gala dinner being held in the magnificent St Michaels Cave. Delegates were treated to the re enactment of the changing of the keys and were entertained by the Gibraltar Regiment band who blasted out a series of fantastic tunes accompanied by local Police officer who sang a range of Shirley Bassey songs.

Presentations were made following the dinner to outgoing Executive Committee member Paul Douglass and the annual Presidents award for achievement on behalf of the EAASP was presented to Paul Campbell who has been on the Executive Committee now for five years.



Left: Paul Campbell being presented with the Presidents award by Bill Woodside

The European Association of Airport and Seaport Police President's Award is presented to the person who has contributed the most to the aims and objectives of the Association. When presenting the award to Paul Campbell, who has been secretary of the maritime portfolio for the past three years, the Ex President of the Association, Chief Superintendent Bill Woodside paid tribute to the outstanding work undertaken by Paul over the past twelve months. Chief Superintendent Woodside said, "When the secretary of the aviation section resigned take up a new job abroad, Paul carried out the role of both secretaries, and acted as a vital link for all our members".

The Association President said, "No-one deserves the award more than Paul. He has represented the Association at high level maritime meetings at the European Union in Brussels and has worked tirelessly to advance the work of the association". Chief Superintendent Woodside said the, "The Association will continue to benefit from Paul's hard work as he has now been re-elected as secretary of the maritime section".

Strategic Plan

The new Executive Committee (contact details are appended to the newsletter on page 6) have set themselves a series of objectives which were agreed by the members in Gibraltar and which have been reviewed at a recent meeting held by the committee in June in Schiphol, Holland. A series of actions have been allocated to board members which include the progression of formal registration of the Association in Holland which will then allow the EAASP to become involved in European Commission funded project work which will further enhance the reputation of the EAASP across Europe. John Donlon will also be writing to members shortly to encourage an increase in membership from member's individual organisations or partners within their working environment.

At the end of this newsletter, attached you will find information sheets that we will use upon return to populate part of the secure site for members which can be used for both aviation and maritime. Please take five minutes out of your busy schedule to complete and return.

Letters have been written to the chairs of the Cross Channel Intelligence Group (CCIC) and Aquapol as it is clear that to work in collaboration means that there will be no duplication of effort and that a co-ordinated approach to issues of portal security ensures the development of best practice. Also following on from the AGM (2) were serious concerns were raised by members as to the proposition of working with the International Association Air and Seaport Police (IAASP) based on historic concerns around, the structure and finance of the IAASP. New President John Donlon has written to the President of the IAASP Executive member Jay Grant who was present during our conference, highlighting the issues and requesting a formal response so that we can report back to our members to ensure that majority agreement is obtained before we engage with the IAASP.

A copy of this letter is reproduced overleaf.

May 2008

Re: EAASP Conference Gibraltar April 21-24th April 2008.

Dear Jay,

I am writing to you as the new President of the European Association of Airport and Seaport to pass on my sincere thanks to you and Ron for being able to attend our recent successful conference in Gibraltar.

You will recall that both yourself and Ron gave an update to the members of the EAASP at the first AGM regarding the current activities of the IAASP and your desire for a more integrated approach globally to include the EAASP in progressing IAASP initiatives. It is clear the EAASP are very well developed with a sound structure and have the political contacts and mantle within the European Commission to advise and progress maritime and aviation protective portal security. My personal links with the IAASP and now as the President of the EAASP can see great merit in working together but in order to progress a number of issues will need to be considered.

At the second AGM, a number of members raised general concerns over issues that occurred historically when the IAASP wanted to use the EAASP as their "European wing" but it meant that there would be heavy financial implications placed upon the EAASP and that autonomy for pro-activity within Europe would in fact be governed by the IAASP. Clearly this is still an issue and as such, the membership failed at the AGM to agree in progressing a partnership with the IAASP until a written proposal was put in place and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) agreed between the EAASP and the IAASP governing such issues as;

1. Financial independence
2. EAASP autonomy in self government / regulation
3. Co-opted Exco member to the IAASP and a reciprocal arrangement with an IAASP member sitting on the EAASP board
4. Clear Terms of Reference of expectations of the EAASP by the international association.
5. Acceptance by the IAASP to sign up to an MOU.

Whilst this is perhaps not what you would have liked to hear and perhaps many of the issues could have been resolved if you had managed to make the second AGM, but it does show that the EAASP are seriously considering a "partnership" which will be very beneficial to both organisations but we will need clarity on the issues raised to allow the Executive Committee to act for the best interests of the membership.

Can I respectfully ask that yourself and Ron, consider the points raised and respond in writing so that my executive committee and I can progress as a matter of urgency at our next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

John Donlon

Currently we are awaiting a formal response, but we are aware that John Donlon will be involved in negotiations at the IAASP conference in July where the subject is to be reviewed as a matter of urgency.

Web Site

The Exco are endeavouring to have a meeting with the hosts of our web site with a view to seeking a series of alterations to it. Primarily these will be around, the formal presentation of the site, secure pages for members only, possible blog page, etc. If anyone has a suggestion as to what they would like to see on these pages or ideas as to design presentation please let Paul Campbell know.

Currently the website is found at; <http://eaasp.2ltd.com>

Conference 2009

At the time of writing this newsletter, it would appear that the offer from Belgium to host the 2009 conference in Bruges has been withdrawn. The Exco are still in negotiations to try and resolve some of the issues and these will be reported to you all in due course, however we will need to look for a potential alternative venue as a matter of urgency and members are asked to consider possible locations.

It is also important to point out at this early stage that conference fees including the partners programme will be raised for conference 2009. The fees have not been increased for two years now, yet we have increased the conference to three days to incorporate the highly successful workshop programme. The fees will still be very competitive to ensure that we keep the interest and remain much cheaper than other conference venues.

Portal Awards

In order to promote the work of the EAASP, the Executive Committee would like members to highlight areas of good work or identified best practice in any port across Europe so that we can present an award to the head of that port unit. It may be a new counter terrorist method, good intelligence exchange protocols, multi agency working, reduced levels of illegal immigration etc. We feel that by undertaking this new activity it allows us to gain publicity but at the same time recognise the valuable achievements that are being established across Europe in endeavouring to make our ports the safest in the world. *Nominations please to Paul Campbell, outlining the reasons, contact at that port etc.*

Twinning Opportunities

At our recent meeting in Schiphol, the Executive committee discussed the possibilities of the EAASP become the facilitators for an exchange programme between members and their departments. Currently the Royal Gibraltar Police are involved in an exchange programme with different police forces in the UK looking at airport and marine operations. This is seen as an excellent opportunity for members to look to gain new ideas or promote their own activities across Europe. It should be borne in mind at this early stage that financial support for this activity would be funded by members own organisation and not the EAASP, but we will be very keen to assist in the development and creating the introductions to allow this work to happen. We would be very keen to hear from members what their view is on this proposal and if they are interested in progressing with any current member country.

Please make contact with any Executive Committee member.

New Portal Membership

The Executive Committee are also seeking views from members on the future inclusion of International Rail Terminals and the inclusion of possible members from these locations. Rail terminals are now becoming a very important feature as they act as primary hubs for air and seaports across Europe as well as being significant venues on either side of the English Channel. The rail attacks in Madrid and the tube attacks in London do show that this method of transport is increasingly becoming viable attack options for terrorists and serious criminals and your views are sought please.

Please make contact with any Executive Committee member.

Joke of the Day

Plain Speaking

I was meeting a friend in a hotel bar and as I went in, I noticed two pretty girls looking at me.

"Nine," I heard one whisper as I passed.

Feeling pleased with myself, I swaggered over to my buddy and told him, "That girl over there just rated me a nine out of ten."

"I don't want to ruin it for you, but when I walked in, they were speaking German !!

Future Editions

It is anticipated that these newsletters will be published quarterly and will feature an update from the President and both the Vice Presidents on their respective portfolios.

If there are specific areas of information that you would be keen to see in these newsletters, i.e. new legislation, joke of the day, important news etc. **please pass details to The Sentinel author, Paul Campbell.**

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The EAASP are currently compiling a European Directory of Police Contacts in order to make possible a quick time communication exchange between air and seaport based police/ law enforcement officers.

The aim of producing a Directory is to facilitate greater cooperation and collaboration between European law enforcement and border agencies and to foster the exchange of information and intelligence relating to organised crime and terrorism.

The threats currently posed to aviation and maritime security demands that European Port Police Commands communicate both quickly and confidently.

To this end, the Aviation and Maritime Secretaries, Tony Marson and Paul Campbell, ask that you complete the particulars of your own air/ seaport, using the template below. If you are able, please supply the details of any other air or seaport in your country or, if you can, pass the document onto others for them to complete.

Thus far the Aviation Portfolio has solicited responses from 15 States whilst the Maritime Directory is starting from scratch. **Your assistance is needed** in order to provide comprehensive coverage of both environments, within the Greater European Community.

Upon receipt of responses from participating countries, the EAASP will publish the Directories on the Association web site, using password-protected pages

Please direct all Aviation responses to Tony and the Maritime replies to Paul. Their details appear on the Executive Committee contact list on page 3.

Name of Airport/ Seaport	
Name of Agency (e.g. Police Force/ Unit, Customs, Immigration)	
Postal Address	
Commander/ Head of Unit	
Telephone Number(s) (Please include international dial code)	1.
	2.
	3.
Fax Number(s)	1.
	2.
	3.
Contact e-mail address(s)	1.
	2.
	3.

