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**Association Update**

Dear AFRA Members,



As a collective industry, we continue to experience challenging times in the wake of COVID-19, but as an association, AFRA is here to support its members more than ever. On April 8, AFRA released an overview of support measures provided by the EU and select EU Member States, which can still be found under the News & Events page on the AFRA Website. AFRA staff will remain vigilant in monitoring different policy developments and responses from the EU, China, and US in an aim to keep its members updated on where they may claim aid as pressure continues.

For the association itself, AFRA has continued to monitor the development of COVID-19, and it is with a heavy heart that we announce the cancellation of the AFRA-ASA 2020 Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. As the conference is one of the most anticipated yearly events for AFRA, we want members to know that the AFRA Board and team will set up a digital meeting to give the members an update on the AFRA activities. We will also have the elections for a new AFRA Board.

Since this crisis has a major impact on the overall economy, we want to inform our members that the AFRA Board has taken a close look at its 2020 Budget to make sure a prudent financial approach is taken. AFRA will continue to focus on its priorities at hand while ensuring that added value is maintained for all of its members, as this is one of the most important aspects for us. If a member believes there is a way that we can better assist the collective as a whole, please reach out to AFRA staff with your thoughts. While we do not know what the future holds, we wish all of our members the best as we journey through this crisis together.

## Industry News

### [Aircraft Solutions USA to build US\\$100m aircraft recycling facility](#)

"Aircraft Solutions USA has announced that it is moving forward with its plan to build an aircraft recycling facility at Global TransPark in Kinston, North Carolina."

- Aircraft interiors International

### [British Airways Sending Airbus A380s To French Aircraft Graveyard](#)

"British Airways will send half of its Airbus A380 fleet to Chateauroux, an aircraft graveyard in France, this week."

- Simple Flying

### [Lithuanian-Chinese MRO wins certification for line maintenance in China](#)

"FL ARI, a maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) service provider based in Harbin, China, has received certified approval as an EASA Part-145 organisation for line maintenance, and is expecting that certification for base maintenance will follow."

- Russian Aviation Insider

## AFRA Committees

Please email AFRA staff to get involved in AFRA's committees:

\*[BMP Development](#)

\*[Communications](#)

\*[Government Affairs](#)

\*[R&D](#)

## Upcoming Industry Events

### *Save The Date!*

#### **AFRA General Assembly**

June 17, 2020  
Webinar

**MRO Americas**

Best Regards,

Hans Craen  
AFRA Executive Director

## Association News

### Membership Discount

Beginning in 2020, we are happy to announce new discounts for membership! Any current member of AFRA who refers a new paying member to AFRA will receive a 20% discount to their next year of membership. For membership information or questions please reach out to [AFRA staff](#).

### Remanufacturing Codes

As AFRA supports the the recycling and remanufacturing of decommissioned aircraft, we also support general remanufacturing in all industries. This is why we have joined a handful of other organizations in asking the Office of Management and Budget to consider adding codes specific to remanufacturing to the North American Industry Classification System code structure. Please see the letter [here](#).

### AFRA General Assembly Webinar

On June 17, AFRA will host a digital General Assembly for its members to discuss current business. More information will be circulated in the near future regarding the meeting invite and agenda. For any questions, please reach out to [AFRA staff](#).

## Committee Updates

### Government Affairs Committee

On April 3, 2020, the Government Affairs Committee took place via conference call. The main topic discussed during the call was the impact of the COVID-19 on the industry and the response measures put in place in the US, China and the EU. There was also an update on the most recent regulatory developments, particularly on the revision of the waste shipment regulation in the EU, for

September 3-5, 2020

Dallas, Texas

#### **ISTAT EMEA**

October 4-6, 2020

Istanbul, Turkey

#### **MRO Europe**

October 27-29, 2020

Fira Barcelona Gran Via, Spain

### **AFRA Advertising Opportunity**

AFRA is offering the chance to advertise your organization's products, news, and projects on the AFRA website and in these newsletters! Advertisement includes your company's information on a page of the AFRA website and the opportunity to showcase your organization in one of the monthly newsletters. Please contact [AFRA staff](#) for pricing and additional details.

### **Brexit Update**

AFRA Staff is monitoring the impact Brexit may have on the industry and will provide updates for members as the discussions continue. If you are interested in learning more, please visit the [Government Affairs Updates](#) page on the AFRA website.

### **AFRA Members Only Website Resources**

Don't forget to visit the [AFRA Website](#) to view the [Members Only](#) section, where you can find additional resources and updates offered only to members! Please [contact staff](#) with any questions regarding access or content.

### **Growing Our Social Media Footprint**

Please let us know about your company's Facebook, LinkedIn and/or Twitter profile. Follow AFRA and share our news that you think might be interesting for your followers - we will of course do the same with your messages!

which AFRA submitted feedback to the European Commission. Since the meeting, the AFRA secretariat prepared and shared with its members a comprehensive document outlining how the COVID-19 aid is distributed in the different European Member States: a type of guidance document for AFRA members to know which aids they can access in their relevant European Member State.

Moreover, **the AFRA Issue Tracker** has been developed by the AFRA secretariat to facilitate follow up on the different policy issues the AFRA secretariat is monitoring. If you wish to receive the AFRA issue tracker and take part in the government affairs committee, please contact [AFRA staff](#).

**For a more detailed report on the committee's activities and recent policy & regulatory updates, please click [here](#).**

## **AFRA BMP Development Committee**

The BMP version 4.0, which took effect on April 18, 2019, was shared with accredited members and can be found on AFRA's [website](#). To get involved with this Committee, please [contact staff](#).

## **AFRA Communications Committee**

Due to the impact from COVID-19, the ASA AFRA 2020 Annual Conference scheduled for June 14-16, 2020 in Denver, Colorado has been cancelled. The committee thanks everyone for their participation in the Annual Conference. If you are interested in getting involved with the Communications Committee, please [contact staff](#).

## **AFRA R&D Committee**

The R&D committee is open to any AFRA member and all are welcome to participate in the next committee call on May 13. R&D Committee calls take place monthly, on the second Wednesday of every month. The committee is currently involved in implementing the KPIs from the 2019 project into the AFRA BMP Guide. To get involved with the R&D Committee, please email [AFRA staff](#).



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