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Association Update

Dear AFRA Members,

A big hello from the AFRA Board. We hope you and your families are all doing fine in these unprecedented times.



Looking at the calendar and outside the window, I see it's October. What does it mean? It definitely means the end of summer has come. The most feared second Covid-19 wave has fiercely reached us and did not only hit the European continent. Covid-19 numbers are exponentially increasing again everywhere.

Airlines all over the world would now usually look back at their most favorite quarter of the year. Usually most airlines would have been able to satisfyingly fill their pockets during a profitable summer season between March and October and they would usually not have to worry to survive the normally slower and less profitable winter season. Not this year.

Covid-19 has become the main cause and driver of the daily changes in our lives: travel restrictions, border closures, contact restrictions, no more face-to-face but only digital communication, home office, home schooling ... uncertainties everywhere. Did people travel this summer? Yes. Same way as they usually did? Absolutely not. Did people go by car to the sea? Yes. By plane as they used to? No.

The human being is a creature of habit. When we are robbed of most of our habits, when everything we used to do pre-Covid is now questioned or even forbidden, uncertainty rules. And uncertainty is not good for business at all, because uncertainty you can hardly foresee or plan with. Thanks to Covid-19, the words "usually", "used to" and "normally" have been brutally eradicated from our

[A340 Fleet into Long Term](#)

[Storage](#)

"Brussels headquartered, Air Belgium yesterday sent half of its Airbus A340 fleet into long-term storage in Southern France."

- Simple Flying

[ACI and IATA reiterate call for industry-wide support to keep aviation alive and help recovery](#)

"The main two trade groups for the world's airlines and airports - Airports Council International (ACI) World and the International Air Transport Association (IATA) - are calling again for global governments to use COVID-19 testing and not quarantines as a means to safely re-open borders and re-establish global connectivity and to prevent the systemic collapse of the aviation industry with non-debit generating financial support."

- Asian Aviation

[Aircraft Support Industries Contracted by North American Aerospace Industries for the Design and Construction of Aircraft Recycling Facilities](#)

"Aircraft Support industries (ASI) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with North American Aerospace Industries (NAAI) for the development of three new dedicated aircraft recycling facilities including the facility planned at the Global TransPark in Kinston, North Carolina, USA.."

- Aviation Pros

AFRA Committees

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vocabulary. For how much longer? Uncertain.

In the beginning of the pandemic crisis, airlines were predicting to see 30%, 40% or even 50% of their usual operation in Q3/Q4 this year. They hoped Covid-19 would have been defeated by now and that people would go back to normal business again and travel as they used to. Instead, airlines all over the world are faced with reality now. They couldn't fill their pockets in the summer season this year and have to report huge losses for the past two quarters. Where available, they can now only hope for (more) state aids to be granted. Will some of them survive the winter? Yes. All of them? Surely not. We have to prepare to see more bankruptcies, mergers, chapter 11 proceedings, furloughs, layoffs and desperation. Will more aircraft be parked or stored? Yes. How many? Uncertain. For how long? Uncertain. How many will be retired for good? Uncertain. Will it affect only widebodies in the long run or also narrowbodies? Uncertain. Will we dismantle more aircraft now? Oh absolutely, yes. Will we make the same profit with selling parts and modules as before? Probably not, no, because there will be a lot of material in the market with likely less demand. Maybe. But who really knows?

A lot of question marks and a lot of uncertainties, but you know what is absolutely certain to me? People want to live the way they used to again, they want to do their team sports the way they used to, they want to travel when and to wherever they used to. After months of living with restrictions, people all over the world are tired and desperately looking for normality and desperately longing for a holiday. And, probably just like all of you, I desperately long to fly for business again to see you all in person, face-to-face. That is 100% certain.

And this keeps me going and this is my light at the end of the tunnel. I have always been and still am 100% sure that we will be able to achieve and accomplish whatever we want, if we just all together keep trying hard. We will be in the driver seat again. We will find a way to live with or defeat the virus. And then we will recover from this. We will go on holidays again and we will travel to conferences and for business again. Maybe more than ever before. No virus will forever prevent us from flying around the globe. In the long run our aviation industry will probably have to change again, of course. As it used to do during other crises. Maybe we will find a way to check within minutes, if we are infectious, even before entering the airport. Maybe we develop the life-saving vaccine. Whatever it is that we will invent or develop, one thing is 100% certain: the aviation industry will adapt and will recover, as it always did.

And one thing is also 100% certain: after Covid-19, all other issues, which were important before and still are, but which have just been moved out of focus during this pandemic, will come back. Climate change and

Upcoming Industry Events

Save The Date!

ISTAT Americas

March 7-9, 2021

Phoenix, Arizona

MRO Americas

April 27-29, 2021

Orlando, Florida

ISTAT Asia

May 11-13, 2021

Bangkok, Thailand

ISTAT EMEA

October 3-5, 2021

Edinburgh, Scotland

MRO Europe

October 19-21, 2021

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

AFRA Advertising Opportunity

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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

environmental responsibility for example. Hence, also AFRA's mission to develop and promote the safe and sustainable management of circularity of components and aircraft in the aviation sector will come back into focus. So, never lose track and get accredited!

Don't lose hope, chin up, stay safe and think of all the great places we will be travelling to again soon.

Kind regards,

Bettina Berger

GOAL German Operating Aircraft Leasing

Association News

Formation of New Membership Committee Announcement!

AFRA recently approved the formation of a Membership Committee. The primary function of the AFRA Membership Committee is to provide strategic guidance to aid in creating member value and assisting with the recruitment, retention and growth of AFRA. This is done with the vision of providing AFRA members with the requisite knowledge, values and services to elevate the value and understanding of AFRA membership. In addition to being advisory in function, the committee will provide staff and Board leadership with the additional data necessary for strategic decision making, as well as increase AFRA's ability to complete relevant initiatives and tasks more efficiently. The AFRA Membership Committee is a member-only benefit. Please email [AFRA Staff](#) if you are interested in joining the 2021-2022 Membership Committee as a member.

ASA-AFRA 2021 Annual Conference Announced!

While it was unfortunate that we could not all meet in person for the 2020 ASA-AFRA Annual Conference, get ready to book July 18 - July 20, 2021 in your calendars. Planning is already under way by ASA and AFRA for the 2021 Annual Conference. For more information, please contact [AFRA staff](#).

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

course do the same with your messages!



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 Webinar: COVID-19 Mid-Life, or now End-of-Life?

Did you you miss our panel discussion on the current state of the industry or want to view it again? AFRA has posted the video on its News & Events page for public viewing. See the page to view the video [here](#).

Committee Updates

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

The committee thanks everyone for their participation in the General Assembly. 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 November 11. R&D Committee calls take place monthly, on the second Wednesday of every month. The committee is currently working to finalize 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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