



Bird/Wildlife Strike Prevention Conference

AMSTERDAM

05 – 09 December 2016

Conference Report



Why Amsterdam?

In June 2015, Muscat (Sultanate of Oman) was selected among 3 offers to host the WBA conference 2016. Unfortunately, on 30 September 2016, the co-organizer was confronted with the fact that adequate funds could not be arranged for hosting the conference. In order not to postpone the conference, within the week after, alternative locations were investigated. Among 8 (!) offers, the MoD NL offer to use their facilities in the center of Amsterdam during the original conference dates was selected.

Conference hosted by

Military Aviation Authority, Ministry of Defense, NL



**Directorate for Mobility and Transport,
Ministry of Transport and Environment, NL**



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June 2012, Stavanger: the 8 ambitions

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| 1. Establish solid and transparent financial structure | 1. Achieved |
| 2. Improve and modernize website as needed by the organization; keep it up-to-date. | 2. Achieved & Ongoing |
| 3. Establish a “0” starting point for the 2012 bird strike risk and develop, specific in time and place, an agreed norm for the wild life risk to aviation. | 3. Ongoing → GAP |
| 4. Raise awareness. | 4. Achieved & Ongoing |
| 5. Setup and maintain a database, peer reviews, recommendations, papers, etc. | 5. Ongoing |
| 6. Become the quality assurance certification agency for organizations on the subject of wild life strike risk to aviation. | 6. Ongoing |
| 7. Develop, together and in close cooperation with the stakeholders an action plan on the reduction of the wild life risk to aviation. | 7. Ongoing → GAP |
| 8. Gain ICAO support and recognition | 8. Ongoing |



October 2014, Mexico: 8 agreements

1. set up WBA Regions	1. Achieved & Ongoing
2. WBA Certification Committee	2. No result; discontinued
3. WBA Evaluation Committee	3. No result; discontinued
4. WBA Mike Kühring Award Committee	4. Ongoing
5. WBA WIKI / APPs Committee	5. Ongoing
6. WBA Peer Review Committee	6. Ongoing
7. WBA Financial Oversight Committee	7. 2015-2016 completed / 2017 – 2018 TBD
8. WBA Ecological – Human – Aviation Committtee	8. Ongoing



Mexico 2014 Conference Questionnaire (completed by 63 from 160 participants)

The option that was realised at the WBA 2016 Amsterdam Conference is underlined)

1. Who should be provided the possibility to present papers?

A selection, based on the call off papers (which is open to everyone), should be made.	26
<u>Everyone should be granted the possibility to present on relevant topics for the conference.</u>	<u>20</u>
Depending on conference venue, a mix of 1,2 and 3.	15
Only selected persons should be requested to submit papers and present these.	2

2. Would you like parallel sessions and or workshops?

Plenary sessions combined with Workshops AND Parallel sessions.	28
<u>Plenary sessions combined with Workshops but NO Parallel sessions.</u>	<u>25</u>
Plenary sessions combined with Parallel sessions, but No workshops.	7
Only Plenary sessions and NO parallel sessions and NO workshops.	3

3. Would you like to have training sessions?

<u>Yes. I'm willing to pay extra for training leading to a certification.</u>	<u>32</u>
No.	19
Yes. I'm willing to pay extra for inter-colleague training.	6
Yes. I'm willing to pay extra for professional training.	6

4. Would you like to have an active interaction of participants with vendors and / or sponsors?

<u>Yes, should be organized during the (coffee) breaks.</u>	<u>27</u>
Yes, should be organized during e.g. workshops.	20
Yes, should be organized during a separate plenary event.	9
No.	7



5. How many days should the conference be?

2 days of 8 hours	0	
3 days of 8 hours	19	(3 days of plenary presentations)
4 days of 8 hours	25	
5 days of 8 hours	19	(2 days working on Global Action Plan)

6. Would you be willing to pay extra to have a social event?

No.	15	(Due to increased security, a visit to Schiphol Airport was not possible)
Yes, for a relevant external visit.	25	
Yes, for a conference dinner.	12	
Yes, for a welcome event.	11	

7. Would you be willing to pay extra conference fee for comfortable conference facilities?

No.	31
Yes, 50% extra.	27
Yes, 100% extra.	5
Yes, 200% extra.	0

8. Would you be willing to pay extra for a professional organization to arrange the conference?

No.	40
Yes, 50% more.	19
Yes, 100% more.	4
Yes, 200% more.	0



December 2016, Amsterdam: results (1)

Low Fee

The fee could be kept low by

- free conference facilities
- generous sponsors
- solidarity principle that all participants paid a fee
- having the WBA Board organizing the conference instead of a professional organization office

Participants

In total 124 persons from 31 countries participated in the conference. All professions were present in varying numbers; pilot, manufacturer, policy and oversight, vendor, wildlife controller and manager, consultant, farmer, ATC, hunter, researcher, QHE safety officer, etc.

Presentations

The first three days consisted of 52 of each 15-minute presentations and discussions related to the seven conference topics. All presentations could be delivered in plenary sessions and are uploaded here: <http://www.worldbirdstrike.com/index.php/component/content/article/47-resources/169-amsterdam-presentations-2016>

JAA TO Training

The Joint Aviation Authorities Training Organization (JAA TO, recognized by over 50 authorities and organizations) organized a wildlife hazard reduction training, enjoyed by 16 Participants who all passed the exam and are now the first to receive the JAA TO certificate of wildlife hazard reduction specialist.

Brain storm sessions

40 persons participated in the brainstorm sessions for improving the WBA Global Action Plan (GAP). The results will be communicated in 2017.



December 2016, Amsterdam: results (2)

WBA Asia

The 9 participants representing 6 Asian countries discussed the initial steps for setting up WBA-Asia.

Military

20 participants working for 13 military organizations got together twice to reinforce their cooperation on the wildlife strike topic.

MoU with IFALPA and Birdlife Int

Following the MoU with IFALPA (<http://www.worldbirdstrike.com/images/MOU%20IFALPA.pdf>), Birdlife International and the WBA signed a Memory of Understanding. Birdlife Int has 2.8 million members world wide and strives to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity. Both MoUs express the intention and commitment of jointly working together to reduce the wildlife strike risk.

Revised Constitution Act & Statutes

At the conference, it was decided to revise the WBA Constitution Act and Statutes:

<http://worldbirdstrike.com/index.php/about-the-wba/wba-constitution>; <http://worldbirdstrike.com/index.php/about-the-wba/wba-statutes>

The main changes are that the WBA will be more a facilitator than a global voice and to provide national bird strike committees (BSCs) an even stronger influence in the WBA.

Conference Declaration

At the conference, the Conference Declaration was discussed and how it can help to encourage all stakeholders to work together. More news about the Declaration will follow in 2017.



The Future - WBA in 2017 & 2018

1. WBA 2018 Conference hosting – open for Bids

2. Standing committees – open for nominations, specific

1. Science / Peer review committee (3 persons)
2. Award committee (2 persons)
3. Financial oversight committee (2 persons)
4. GAP sub committees (various; xx persons)
5. Conference organizing committee (2+ persons)
6. Military committee (3+ persons)
7. WBA WIKI / APPs / communication committee (2 persons)
8. WBA Ecological – Human – Aviation committee (3 + persons)

3. BSC Advisory Board – open for nominations

4. Board vacancies – open for nominations (2 persons 2017-2022)

<http://worldbirdstrike.com/index.php/36-frontpage-articles/168-wba-board-member-announcement>

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OF MITIGATING BIRDS**

**IF WE ALL DO OUR PART
TOGETHER IN A JOINT
ACTION**

Dr. Valter Battistoni & Capt Paul Eschenfelder