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Global AIM Congress 2010 –Beijing-

The fifth Global AIM Congress took place in Beijing, China during June 22nd-24th 2010. The event was sponsored by Air Traffic Management Bureau of the Civil Aviation Administration of China (ATMB/CAAC).

As with all the past Congresses, GroupEAD was actively participating and we were also present in the Exhibition area with a stand.

We were presenting the full variety of our services, specifically introducing our new AIM Implementation Package helping the users to fulfil their AIM transition lifecycle.



It is sad to say that it was the last Congress in its current format. At the same time it is good to note that throughout the five events, the change in global awareness of AIM has been remarkable. GroupEAD will continue participating in different AIM Working Groups and contribute to the global transition and definition of AIM requirements.



Training – 2009

79 Courses
27 Organisations
4 Continents

AIM Training for United Arab Emirates

In August we had a wonderful opportunity to welcome a colleague from United Arab Emirates in our AIM Training Courses.

Mr Abdalla Al Rashidi, from GCAA, United Arab Emirates joined our classroom courses in Frankfurt during 3 weeks, covering the following subjects:

Air Navigation

Aerodromes

Dynamic Data

Aeronautical Information Services

The courses were successful, providing Mr Al Rashidi necessary knowledge and support for his responsibilities in the field of AIM. We are looking forward for future co-operations with GCAA.





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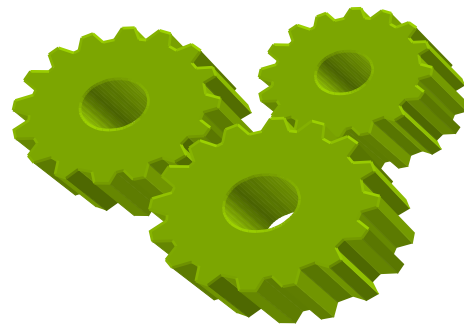
GroupEAD Staff exchange

MADRID ↔ FRANKFURT

Within the GEAD exchange programme between Operation Centers; Operational staff, operators and supervisors, move for a temporary period, usually two weeks, from Frankfurt to Madrid and vice versa. Lately two operators and one supervisor from MAD have been in FRA. All of them agree. It is a very fruitful experience because although both operation centers are equally furnished and the job is the same, working with different persons, having different points of view and coming from very different countries, makes professionally richer oneself.

One of them, Miguel Angel, wrote:

'...My experience was very positive. I felt very relaxed working there, comfortable and as other colleague said after his exchange; took with me the impression that everything can be done much easier. It was very easy to work with all of you (also supervisors) and I never felt as a stranger...'



New staff is joining GroupEAD Europe S.L. From September on, four new operators will join the team.

A very enthusiastic WELCOME to Ricardo (Spain) and Fabian (Germany) in Madrid and Irina (Estonia) and Eric (USA) in Frankfurt.

To obtain information about further staff recruitment please visit our website:

www.groupead.com

GroupEAD Europe S.L. as a CANSO member, will attend the upcoming Caribbean and Latin America ATM Conference in Willemstad, Curaçao. Nov 29th - Dec 01st



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Corner of History

by Felix Rubio

Pioneers 1912-1928 – Did you know?....

Harriet Quimby went down in history in 1912 as the first woman in flying over the English Channel at the controls of a *Bleriot* monoplane aircraft. Three months later she crashed and died in an air show. A journalist in Boston (USA) wrote: ‘She was brave and died like a man’.

First US airmail service trial flight (1911?) caused a great stir, failure stir. An un-experienced pilot took off but with a course error of 180 degrees. As there wasn't any radio on board, first radio was installed in 1920, when he landed was ‘informed’ about his lapse and mail was sent to its destination by train.

In 1919 took place the first non-stop North Atlantic air crossing from Newfoundland (Canada) to Clifden (Ireland). Feat was made by British pilots **Alcock** and **Brown**, flying an airplane *Vickers-Vimy IV*. More than 3000 km were flown in 16 hours and 27 minutes.

In 1922 Portuguese pilots **Cabral** and **Coutinho** with seaplane model *Fairey FIII-DMkII* departed from Lisbon destination Rio de Janeiro. This was the first stop-flying over South Atlantic ever. Three planes were used (*Lusitania*, *Patria* and *Santa Cruz*), the *Santa Cruz* arrived in Rio after 62 hours and 26 minutes.

First around the world flight was performed in 1924 by four *Douglas DT-2* variant airplanes; *Seattle* (crew **Martin** and **Harvey**), *Boston* (crew **Wade** and **Ogden**), *New Orleans* (crew **Nelson** and **Harding**) and *Chicago* (crew **Smith** and **Arnold**).

They took off from Seattle and after 175 days, 44360 Km, and stopping over 61 cities, were back in Seattle. The airplane named *Seattle* crashed in Alaska.

First trans-Atlantic flight was fulfilled by Spaniards **Franco** and **Ruiz de Alda** in 1926. Flying a *Dornier Do J Flying Boat* named *Plus Ultra*. They travelled 10270 Km in 59 hours and 30 minutes between Spain and Argentina.

1927 turned out as the year when the first non-stop flight over South Atlantic took place. French pilots **Costes** and **Le Brix**, flying a *Breget XIXG* airplane; 3173 Km between Senegal (Saint Louis) and Brazil (Natal) in 18 hours were covered.

First crossing over the Pacific Ocean was performed by US Air Corps pilots at the controls of one *Fokker C-2* named *Bird of Paradise*. They flew 3875 Km in 26 hours between California and Hawaii.

But the first one flying over the whole Pacific Ocean was **Charles Kingsford-Smith** and his crew **Ulm**, **Warner** and **Lyon** with the monoplane *Fokker F.VII*, named *Southern Cross*. The flight linked USA and Australia in 1928.

This year, 1928, airmen **Carl Ben Eielson** and **George H. Wilkins** flying a *Lockheed* airplane, surrounded first time ever the Antarctic Circle icecap in 20 hours and 20 minutes from Point Barrow (Alaska) to Spitsbergen (Norway).



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Meet the people behind GroupEAD Europe S.L.

We would like to introduce our multinational and highly motivated staff. Each newsletter we will introduce one of our international employees. Get to know interesting details about their countries of origin and find out how they see the host countries from their point of view.

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|------------------------|----------------|---|--------------|---------------------------|
| Name: | Victor Comeira |  | Capital: | Brasilia |
| Country of origin: | Brazil | | Inhabitants: | 191,241,714 |
| In Frankfurt since: | December 2008 | | Area: | 8,514,877 km ² |
| Position in Frankfurt: | Operator | | Currency: | Real |



What are the advantages for you when working in Germany?

The plenty of resources available due to an usual well planned in advance Business Plan is often found in companies here. The cooperative environment with high educated staff is very improving for the technical curriculum and for the motivation.

What do you find most fascinating about Germany?

The way how many different cultures, ideas and ethnic groups live here peacefully. The huge diversity of goods and travel options found for reasonable prices, due to the good commercial relationship that Germany has worldwide is also a good life quality factor. Environmental conscience is everywhere – despite the fact that the automobile is of the key elements of its economy and culture; recycling is well established and alternative power supply is an important issue for the society.

What characterizes best the culture of your country?

The diversity, in which it is expressed, lived and celebrated, due to how many origins our people come from. The worldwide well known hospitality and positive approach to life and the conciliatory approach to the conflicts.

What is the official language and are there more languages spoken?

Portuguese is the only and official one.

What are typical dishes of your country?

There are a lot of typical dishes in Brazil. Here are just a few examples: Feijoada (a kind of beans soup with pork meat), Moqueca (fish or seafood cooked with palm oil, coconut milk and pepper), Açaí (a kind of fruit served as smoothie juice, combined with granola, guarana syrup or others). Churrasco (barbecue, but big pieces grilled on spears), Cuscuz (couscous) from corn or manioc, with milk, vegetables or coconut, Leitão a Pururuca (Pork baked as whole, crunch skin on its own fatt), among others.



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Açaí

What are typical beverages of your country?

Cachaça is the alcoholic most famous one, besides the Guaraná, drunked as a industrialized soft drink without gas. The Açaí juice is very popular too.

When visiting your country what should a visitor not miss?

Brasil is a huge and very diverse country about habits, landscapes and environments, but the cities of Rio de Janeiro (Carnaval and Samba Schools, Cristo statue, Ipanema and Copacabana beaches and all the nature within the city etc), São Paulo (and its plenty of urban and nightlife), the capital Brasília (all the Oscar Niemeyer architecture) are definitely worth a visit.



Rio de Janeiro

The Amazon Forest (richest vegetable, fish and insects biodiversity area in the world), the Iguassú Falls, The Pantanal (flooded plains which are the richest birds biodiversity area in the world), the clear waters of Bonito, the Archipelago of Fernando de Noronha (northeast coast, bioserve with beautiful beaches and diving sites) are also very impressive.



Brasilien Rainforest

What were you occupied with before coming to GroupEAD?

I was an AIS Specialist Sergeant located at the Brazilian Air Force.