

The first PEOPIL Aviation and Tourism Seminar in Toulouse, France

**PEOPIL Tourism and Aviation seminar in Toulouse November 13-15
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In November of 2008 the newly created Aviation EEG together with Tourism EEG held their first joined seminar on Aviation law.

Toulouse was chosen since the Airbus assembly facility for the new Airbus 380 XXX is located to Toulouse and we were promised to come and visit the assembly of this new extraordinary aircraft, able to haul 555 passenger over 16.000 km non stop.

The seminar was held at the Sofitel Hotel in Toulouse center and brought together about 40 participants from 9 countries, from as far away as the USA, Canada and Australia.

We started up with a welcome cocktail Thursday evening where we were received by our PEOPIL vice president Antoinette Collignon-Smit Sibinga.



The seminar Friday was hosted by undersigned Stephan Eriksson and Clive Garner. The program was extensive and very interesting and the speakers were some of the World's top aviation lawyers.

James Dingemans QC from 3 Hare Court in London spoke about Liability under the Package Travel Directive. Prof Paul Dempsey from Institute of Air and Space law (IASL) at McGill University in Montreal held a much appreciated exposé over the recent developments under the new Montreal Convention (MC99).

Marc Moller, managing partner at Kreindler & Kreindler LLP in New York spoke about the challenges for the plaintiff bar not to become too aggressive towards the passengers families, unfortunate to be involved in aviation accidents. Patrice Rembauville-Nicolle from Paris outlined the recent aviation law development in France.

After lunch Justin Green from Kreindler & Kreindler, Carl Hennessee, General Counsel for Airbus SAS, Toulouse and Carlos Villacorta-Salís from Martin-Chico & Associés in Madrid discussed the recent development for claims and damages outside the Conventions, such as product liability.

Henrik Kjellin, chairman of Legal Committee of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal then outlined the two new draft Conventions on compensation for damage caused by aircraft to third parties and compensation for damage caused by aircraft in case of unlawful interference. A diplomatic conference at ICAO Montreal is planned for October this year.

The seminar was concluded by Professor Lars Göran Malmberg from Lund University who spoke about Air Accident Investigation in theory and practice.

Dinner was held at the magnificent restaurant Les Jardins Del Opéra kindly sponsored by Kreindler & Kreindler.

Saturday morning we visited the Airbus factory and had a fabulous tour around the assembly line which at that time was working on 5 new aircraft in different stages.



Stephan Eriksson together with Urban Olson and Professor Paul Dempsey.

Summing up we believe the Aviation EEG/Tourism EEG Aviation seminar was a great success and we hope to host another seminar fall of 2010. More info about this will follow.