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The President's Voice

Greetings dear readers! With this edition we are requesting your attention concerning the content of our News Flash and of EPFU's website. We would like to develop a more interactive association. As a part of this your inputs, dear readers, would be welcome.

As for now the News Flash has been a "one way communication". Now we would like to develop it into a "bi-directional" communications channel. Therefore you are invited to support its content. We have attached a short questionnaire with the "link" in blue characters, via which we hope you would answer our questions. By doing so we hope to get comments as regards how many persons are reading this News Flash, or as regards the appropriateness of its content.

We thank you in advance for your contribution. This is the "link" mentioned above:

<https://epfu.typeform.com/to/OP9HID>

Find also preliminary info concerning the upcoming AGM 2020. Hope to see you in Norway, mark your calendars, get warm clothing, as you know, time of the year might be cold in Nordic states.

First information on the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As proposed by the Norges Luftsportforbund (NLF) at the last EPFU AGM the 2020 edition will be held at the Clarion Collection Hotel Grand, Professor Schyttes gate 1,

Bodø – Norway, on Saturday 29 February 2020

A picture from our hotel (via Internet):



Getting ready for winter





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There will be a welcome event on Friday, 28 February, at 1900 h at the hotel.

We shall visit AVINOR's Remote Tower Centre (RTC) on Saturday after the end of the AGM. More details will be forwarded to you by the end of week 52/2019 at the latest.

Picture of the external appearance of the RTC:
(photo credit: Archus architects, via Internet)



As per our statutes, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and a Board Member are to be (re-)elected. Details will be published by the end of week 52/2019

You are kindly invited to send your request as regards points you wish to be included in the agenda of the 2020 AGM to our Secretary General, Xavier Barral, from now on. His contact: BAF747@aol.com

European Union Aviation Safety Agency, Publication of the final accounts for the financial year 2018

The complete version of the final accounts have been published on 6/11/2019 and may be found at the following address:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/the-agency/management-board/decisions/easa-mb-decision-05-2019-opinion-management-board-2018-annual#group-easa-downloads>

Terms of Reference (ToR), Comment Response Documents (CRD), Opinions, Agency Decisions, and Public Consultations , by 25/11/2019, titles in bold characters means texts are important for us:

Terms of Reference (ToR): ToR RMT.0728 **Development of requirements for groundhandling**, published on 22/11/2019. With Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 (the 'Basic Regulation'), groundhandling (GH) services are now included among the aviation domains with a significant safety relevance that are regulated at European Union (EU) level. The provision of GH services is an area where a number of occurrences take place, which result to damage to aircraft and equipment, injuries or even death and have a significant cost impact on aircraft operators, aerodrome operators and GHSPs. In addition, this RMT will incorporate RMT.0705 'Addition of a new requirement for the handling of dangerous goods at aerodromes' to establish requirements for the aerodrome operators for developing methods for the handling of dangerous goods at the aerodrome, which has been discontinued as a standalone RMT and is considered relevant to this task. **We shall have to examine carefully how General Aviation will be affected by new rules, particularly at larger aerodromes, therefore this RMT may become important, probably at a later stage.**

CRD: 18/11/2019: CRD 2018-13 **Appendix I to AMC to Annex III (Part-66) - Aircraft type ratings for Part-66 aircraft maintenance licences** (RMT.0541), connected with Agency Decision 2019/024/R mentioned below. This is the electronic address to the CRD, it contains many General Aviation related comments and answers which might be of interest to you

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/dfu/CRD%202018-13.pdf>:



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Opinion: 07/11/2019: **Opinion 05/2019 Standard scenarios for UAS operations in the 'specific' category. The objective of this Opinion is to provide cost-efficient rules for low-risk unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) operations in this category. It will affect various aspects of our operations.**

Agency Decisions: 13/11/2019: AMC to Annex I (Part ATCO) to Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/340 — Update of the air traffic controllers' initial training content
ED Decision 2019/023/R

18/11/2019: **Aircraft type ratings for Part-66 aircraft maintenance licences**
ED Decision 2019/024/R, connected with Opinion 05/2019 (RMT.0541) mentioned above.

Public consultations: European Commission:
Aviation – reporting safety-related incidents (evaluation of EU rules). Consultation period ends on 30 January 2020. The Commission writes: "This proposal will evaluate the rules on how to report, analyse and follow up on accidents and incidents in civil aviation. It will assess how effective, efficient, relevant and consistent the rules are, and whether they add value." We will coordinate our statements with Europe Air Sports. Your inputs addressed to our presidency are welcome. This is the direct "link" to the Commissions' page (with another "link" to the roadmap followed by the Commission):

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2019-2774573-0_en

And here you get the electronic address of the original text of Regulation (EU) 376/2014, texts to be dealt with, for an eventual download:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014R0376&from=EN>

**Repetition for those interested in/affected by the topic:
NPA 2019-11 Human factors in rotorcraft design (RMT.0713)**

was published on 24/10/2019. The text has been developed by EASA, and a preliminary consultation with the most affected stakeholders was performed during a dedicated workshop in March 2019. Design approval holders are affected, but good designs stem from operational experience, and training. The **deadline for submission of comments is 8/1/2020**. It may be of interest to dedicated rotary wing flyers. The electronic address:

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/dfu/NPA%202019-11.pdf>

Aurora borealis, seen at Bodø
(picture from the Internet, by Polar Tours AS)





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