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IFALPA expands membership in Brazil and India

Marrakech 22 March: The 65th Conference of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) extended its links with Brazilian Pilots following an agreement between the existing Brazilian Member Association the SNA and the Associação dos Tripulantes da TAM to create an Umbrella organisation, The Brazilian Air Line Pilots' Association. The resulting change means that the number of pilots in Brazil represented by IFALPA increases to 1,407. Commenting on the change Capt Glauco Paleta said: "Our mission is simple we want to bring IFALPA to Brazilian Pilots and Brazilian pilots to IFALPA. In order to do that as effectively as possible and get as many pilots as we can involved, we had to bring our two groups together

Immediately afterwards, the Federation 65th Conference voted to give membership to The Air Line Pilots' Association India. Previously, Indian Pilot's Guild was the IFALPA member in India. However, IPG membership was limited to employees of Air India. The new umbrella organisation is made up of the IPG as well as the ICPA – representing Indian Airlines pilots, the SWIP the Jet Airways group and IWPA which sees to the Kingfisher Airlines pilots.

Speaking after ALPA India's election, its President Capt. Suhel Jain said "While the four organisations have been moving in this direction for a number of years working together to make representations to the CAA and government and so on. The establishment of ALPA – India would have probably been some years into the future if we had not had the catalyst of getting membership of IFALPA to accelerate the process".

Notes to Editors

The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 countries world-wide. The mission of IFALPA is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations. See the Federation website www.ifalpa.org

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