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IASL and IFALPA Announce New Internship Program

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MONTREAL, Canada – McGill University’s Institute of Air and Space Law (IASL) and the International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations (IFALPA) are delighted to announce that they have partnered to offer a pre-professional internship to current students and recent graduates of the IASL.

This new IFALPA internship will offer students and recent graduates of the IASL an opportunity to use their legal, business, and administrative knowledge, gain work experience, and grow their network in the areas of IFALPA’s business and professional activities. At least one intern will be selected by IFALPA for a three-month work term each academic year. The program is open to students currently registered in the IASL’s LLM program and to graduates who have completed the IASL’s LLM program within three years of the application date.

On Thursday, March 28, a ceremony was held at McGill’s IASL to mark the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by IFALPA President, Captain Ron Abel, and IASL Director, Professor Brian F. Havel, to officially establish the program.

“IFALPA is proud to embark on this partnership with McGill University’s Institute of Air and Space Law,” said Captain Ron Abel, President of IFALPA. “As the global voice of pilots, the Federation looks forward to shaping international aviation safety and security standards in partnership with the aviation law experts of the future. Aviation is a tremendous industry that helps fuel the global economy, and its primary component is people. With this agreement, we are furthering our commitment to developing the next generation of aviation professionals.”

The Director of the IASL, Professor Brian F. Havel, welcomed the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between IFALPA and the IASL, noting that this internship opportunity “is the latest in a series of student internships that the Institute has secured with Montreal-based international aviation and space organizations.” He is particularly pleased that IFALPA has shown its confidence in the Institute’s academic reputation and in its graduate students through the organization’s support for the internship.

“IFALPA plays a vital role in ensuring that the voice of its global pilot membership is heard clearly among aviation’s stakeholders. Pilots are a vital element in ensuring that the industry maintains its reputation for zero-tolerance safety. We are very pleased that the IFALPA internship will enable our students to gain professional experience in a major representative association where fascinating legal and policy issues, both national and transnational, are confronted every single day.”

The IASL will accept applications for this internship as of May 1, 2019. Final intern selection will be made by IFALPA on or before September 30, 2019.

About the IASL

Housed in McGill University's Faculty of Law, the Institute of Air & Space Law and its research arm, the Centre for Research in Air & Space Law, have a rich history of education, public service and scholarship. Since 1951, the Institute has trained 1,000 specialists in air and space law from all over the world. Its loyal graduates serve in some of the highest legal positions in the bar, the industry, and governmental institutions in some 120 nations around the world. Visit <https://www.mcgill.ca/iasl/> for more information.

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Note to Editors: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents more than 100,000 pilots in nearly 100 countries around the globe. The mission of IFALPA is to promote the highest level of aviation safety worldwide and to be the global advocate of the piloting profession; providing representation, services and support to both our members and the aviation industry. Federation website www.ifalpa.org

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