

Press Release – October 2023

The 128th IATP Conference, hosted by Turkish Airlines (TK) and Turkish Technic, took place in Istanbul, Türkiye, on October 7 – 11, 2023. The conference was attended by more than 600 Airline, Associate Member and Authorized Guest Vendor's representatives coming from all over the world; a record, making it the most attended conference in the history of IATP.

More than 2,800 B2B meetings took place among the participants to discuss and finalize terms and conditions for pooling agreements regarding spare parts, aircraft recovery equipment and line maintenance support for the forthcoming season. In addition to the traditional B2B meetings scheduled through the event platform, the delegates could also participate for the first time in “AOG Speed Meetings”: the attendees had the opportunity to meet other counterparts (both from Airline and Associate members), exchange contact details, and briefly check the support opportunities between the companies with the aim to solve AOG situations, when no pooling could be set up in advance. Very positive feedback was received from the participants.

The conference enabled IATP Airline Members to review not only the progress made on new projects, such as Engine Pooling, which will shortly be released on the IATP Platform, but also to share and discuss all technical topics related to the air transport operations, such as foreign Part-145 approvals, audits, and safety management system.

Conference Highlights

- In Istanbul, five airlines – jetBlue (B6), SKY Express (GQ), TianJin Airlines Co. Ltd (GS), Beijing Capital Airlines (JD), and Fly Baghdad (IF) – joined the organization, enabling the organization to reach a new record of 130 Member Airlines and 40 Associate Members.
- A record 8 airlines, interested in IATP Membership, attended the conference as Observers.
- Airbus and Boeing presented the latest updates on their current fleets, and their sustainability roadmap.
- IATA, in collaboration with IATP, successfully organized the Standard Ground Handling Agreement (SGHA) training class, prior to the conference.



On Sunday, the attendees enjoyed a visit of Istanbul's Hagia Sofia Mosque and Basilica Cistern, followed by a dinner cruise on the Bosphorus. The tour as well as the social events organized at the end of the business days were highly appreciated.

Testimonials

“It was a delightful experience attending the 128th IATP Conference in Türkiye - Istanbul and becoming a member of the IATP community. This will undoubtedly support our progress in implementing our expansion plan, as we enhance dispatch reliability, achieve economic savings, and establish connections with delegates from major Airlines.”

Mrs. Maria Zannikou, Supply Chain Manager at SKY Express (GQ) (new IATP Airline Member)

“The 128th conference held in Istanbul was very well organized and productive. The newly-introduced “Speed Meetings” session was so exciting, giving me extra opportunities to meet more industry experts and introduce GAMECO to them. Thank you IATP Team, Turkish Airlines, Turkish Technic and all other sponsors for your meticulous organization and all the efforts to make this conference a great success.

Once again, GAMECO would like to thank IATP Team, and all IATP members, for the opportunity of hosting the next IATP Conference in Guangzhou. I do hope Guangzhou would be one of the cities you will never forget, not only because of its delicious food, long history and high modernization, but also because of GAMECO! Let us meet in Guangzhou next February.”

Ms. Karen Chen, Director Sales Line Maintenance at GAMECO

The 129th IATP Conference is scheduled on February 24 – 28, 2024 in Guangzhou, P.R. China and will be hosted by GAMECO.

For more information, please contact

International Airlines Technical Pool

Tel: +352 2668 4184

Email: info@iatp.com

Web: www.iatp.com

The IATP Mission Statement

The IATP is a convention of Airlines sharing Technical Resources to generate economic savings and support on time dispatch reliability and operational safety. The IATP is a non-profit, independent, non-political global organization based on a democratic culture with equal opportunities for all member Airlines and their delegates.

Technical Resources includes, but not limited to, aircraft spare parts, line maintenance, ground handling equipment, aircraft recovery kits and technical training.

About IATP

Today IATP counts 130 airline members and 40 associate members (OEMs and service providers) and operate worldwide in about 900 stations; pooling activities cover almost all aircraft types. All member airlines meet twice per year at conferences held in March and October in different countries. The organization is run by a Management Board, supported by a Corporate Office based in Luxembourg, and overseen by the member airlines through the elected Advisory Committee.