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## **BIO DATA**

*Henry is a teacher, teacher-trainer and examiner of plain English for aeronautical communication. He is co-director of a language consultancy (Emery-Roberts Consulting), assisting organisations around the world with the implementation of the ICAO language proficiency requirements. Henry has just written an English language course book for pilots and air traffic controllers published by Macmillan.*

*In 2005, he sat on the ICAO PRICESG linguistic sub-group tasked with the development of the ICAO Speech Sample Training Aid. Henry is a vice-president of ICAEA and has particular interest in issues pertaining to the use of the ICAO Rating Scale for language proficiency assessment of flight crews and air traffic controllers.*

## **A test rater accreditation project**

### **SUMMARY**

*With few exceptions, language raters are required to assess the speech of pilots and air traffic controllers in tests used to measure language proficiency in aviation. However, raters around the world vary greatly in their interpretation of the ICAO Rating Scale and Holistic Descriptors. If the aim is for a standard level of language proficiency among air traffic controllers and flight crew, then a mechanism is required to standardise our understanding of Operational language proficiency.*

*Following on from previous papers and presentations on the subject of standardisation in language rating, the speaker will give an overview of progress to date with the Association of Aviation Language Raters project, describe details of an IT platform for its administration and a method for standardising the rating of spoken language. He will then outline the challenges posed by implementing a system of rater certification and invite questions and comments from the audience in relation to these challenges.*

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