



POLISH AIR NAVIGATION SERVICES AGENCY

**Warsaw, 9 May 2008**

**Address by the acting President of PANSO**

Ladies and gentlemen,

I am sorry that I was not able to be here yesterday to greet you, but a business trip kept me out of Warsaw. I am sure that Mr. Rodak, conveyed to you the Polish Air Navigation Services Agency's warm wishes of success for your forum when he spoke to you yesterday.

We are indeed very happy to host this event in Warsaw because we at PANSO consider English language proficiency to be a safety-critical issue and are convinced that your association is committed to raising standards in the industry. Recognizing this fact and our shared objectives, we have tried to support your work in different ways.

When I was technical director I gave permission for your website to be hosted on our server as I recognized its potential for information exchange and I am very glad to see how it has prospered and developed.

As an independent company whose objective is to provide safe air traffic flow to the international community, we are very much in favour of promoting your activities as we believe we have common concerns. This is the reason we have hosted your events and sponsored your website and your Board meetings.

I see that ICAEA has a great potential for promoting a better understanding of the role of proficiency testing in air traffic control and I agree with my Rodak that the association's future lies in a closer co-operation with bodies such as IFATCA and CANSO.

I hope you will enjoy this forum and your time in Warsaw. It is a pleasure to see people from so many different countries coming together to work towards a single goal.

I wish you every success.

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