Paris (France), 1 July 2008 – “Dedicated, always good humoured as well as kind and extremely professional”. This is how people working at the ICAO EUR NAT Office bid farewell to their colleague Alain Froment who, at the end of this month, is going to retire after 27 years of service.

Mr. Froment, who throughout his career has been awarded with merit certificates and other prizes for his outstanding performance, joined the Paris Office in 1981 as one of four Printing Officers. At that time he was kept very busy with the printing production of all the official documentation (thousands and thousands of pages in different languages) to be handed out to representatives of States and international organizations before, during and after official meetings. Based on such documentation, aviation safety-related vital decisions were taken by States.

“It is thanks to his professional and human qualities that Alain has been able to reach the top of his career path,” said Mr. Karsten Theil, the ICAO EUR/NAT Regional Director, during the farewell ceremony. “I want to thank him personally, not only because he has always succeeded in making our life so much easier but also because he has always acted as a true friend,” he added. Mr. Froment is presently serving at the Paris Office as the General Services Supervisor and has lately played a key role in the transfer of the EUR/NAT Office into a modern “paperless” environment.

Alain Froment (second from left) at his farewell party