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Agenda Item 2: Recent developments in investigation and prevention matters

**THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF AIR SAFETY INVESTIGATORS (ISASI) RUDOLF
KAPUSTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

(Presented by the International Society of Air Safety Investigators)

SUMMARY

This paper describes the ISASI Rudolf Kapustin Memorial Scholarship program established to assist university level students interested in aviation safety and accident investigation.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The ISASI Scholarship program was initiated in 2003. The purpose of the program is to encourage and assist university level students interested in the field of aviation safety and aircraft occurrence investigation and accident prevention. The scholarships are funded through donations by individuals and organizations, who wish to acknowledge the memory of ISASI Members or other aviation safety professionals.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 All members of ISASI enrolled as full time students in an educational program, which includes courses in aeronautical engineering and/or flight operations, aviation psychology, aviation safety and/or aircraft occurrence investigation, etc., with major or minor subjects that focus on aviation safety/investigation are eligible for the scholarship.

2.2 An award (currently \$2 000) is made to each student who is successful in a competitive writing assignment, meets the application requirements, and registers for the ISASI annual international seminar. The award must be used to cover costs for the seminar registration, travel, and lodging/meal expenses. In addition, Southern California Safety Institute (SCSI) and the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) (US) award a free tuition scholarship for a course of their choice to each recipient.

2.3 Since the inception of the Scholarship program in 2003, 12 recipients have been selected from universities located in five countries. A number of these recipients now work in positions in

government and aviation industry related to aviation safety, including aircraft accident investigation and prevention.

2.4 The 2008 Scholarship winners are:

- a) Catherine Ricafort, Presidential Scholar, University of Southern California (US), is a senior in Industrial and System Engineering and enrolled in a Merit research program on human factors;
- b) Micheál Ryan, University of Limerick, Ireland, is a third year student in Aeronautical Engineering and an intern with the Irish AIB; and
- c) Jennifer Gritton is pursuing a Masters degree in Aero Science at Embry Riddle University (US) with specialization on human factors and system safety.

2.5 ISASI is proud of this innovative scholarship program that has enabled students to pursue their desires for a career in aviation safety. Further information about the ISASI Scholarship program and the means to make a donation to support the program may be found at www.isasi.org.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The ISASI Rudolf Kapustin Scholarship program provides a means to bring young people into the field of aviation safety by providing financial support to attend the annual ISASI International Seminars. The program has resulted in a number of the past 12 recipients now working in accident investigation and prevention with governments and the aviation industry. ISASI intends to continue this scholarship program with the support of safety professionals and aviation organizations around the world.

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