

Greetings All and thank you for electing me as the president of the Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM) at the 16th session in Exeter. I do not underestimate the trust you have bestowed in me to serve as your president and working with our newly elected vice-president, Stéphanie Desbios and the CAeM Management Group (MG), I will be looking to repay that trust through actions, strong leadership and a clear focus on doing what is best for our community.



This is an exciting time for aviation meteorology - there is just so much more fantastic weather science and data available to us now. Working ever more closely with our colleagues in the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), the Commission will be looking at how we can make the best of this information accessible, relevant and useful to the global aviation industry. We aim to achieve this by:

- (i) Continuing to support and influence the development of ICAO's Global Air Navigation Plan (GANP), the current version of which runs to 2033;
- (ii) Engaging with WMO Members on what the GANP's 'Aviation System Block Upgrade' (ASBU) implementation methodology could, should and shall mean for them;
- (iii) Seeking to work in collaboration with all actors in the aviation industry, including private sector weather service providers.

Technical excellence, quality and consistency of service and clarity of purpose will remain at the core of everything that the Commission does and this is why CAeM-16 endorsed the five priority themes put before them in Exeter. I am also personally committed to ensuring 'balance' across the Commission, balance in terms of regional representation, gender and expertise. We've made an excellent start with the CAeM MG which now comprises six women, five men, representation from all six WMO regions and an excellent balance of skills. The CAeM MG will be looking to maintain these principles through its supporting expert networks and structures although I do recognise that we still need to do more to achieve a better balance in terms of 'big' and 'not so big' Member representation.

Change will be at the heart of everything we do over the next few years. The paradigm shift that is the implementation of the GANP and the impacts of

climate change and variability on aviation operations all over the world represent opportunities and challenges in almost equal measure for our WMO aviation community! WMO is also planning for its biggest structural changes since the establishment of the WMO and our Commission back in the 1950's and I'm pleased to report that the CAeM MG is already taking steps to engage positively and proactively with the WMO change process.

Lots to do then and many big changes to come so please, fasten your seat belts, it's time for take-off...

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