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16th NORTH AMERICAN BIRDSTRIKE CONFERENCE

2017 NORTH AMERICAN
BIRD STRIKE
CONFERENCE AUGUST 22-24, 2017 | DALLAS, TEXAS | UNITED STATES

So perhaps you don't have a burning desire to go to Texas in August. I don't think even Texans want to be in Texas during the summer. But, with the North American Birdstrike Conference being held in Dallas, there is now a compelling reason for braving the inferno to attend. And besides, they have air conditioning so how bad can it be? I have yet to be at a NA Birdstrike Conference where I

didn't come away with at least one good idea, usually more. As far as professional development goes, there is no substitute. Not only do you hear the latest and greatest from professionals around the world, you also get to rub shoulders with hundreds of your colleagues. So why not plan to make a lot of useful contacts and hear what is going on in the world of airport wildlife

strike management. We will also have our annual BSAC meeting where you can find out what is planned for the upcoming year and get involved in those areas that interest you most. You are also welcome to observe the Steering Committee meeting on Monday, 21 August we plan for the year ahead. For more information go to our website and click on the "conference" menu item.

Welcome to Devon Harris, Wildlife Manager, Transport Canada
Devon has recently taken over the wildlife position from Adrienne Labrosse who has accepted another job. With her TC experience and her data base skills she is well positioned to tackle some of the long-standing issues with the strike data base, annual reports, and even the regulations. We look forward to working with you.

A Global Strategy for Addressing Wildlife Strike Hazard to Aviation

This joint International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) / Airports Council International (ACI) Wildlife Strike Hazard Reduction Symposium aims at increasing the international awareness of the wildlife strike threat to aircraft operational safety; building an international community to exchange ideas, experiences and cooperative efforts to better manage wildlife strike hazard on and in the vicinity of airports; and advancing new technologies and formulating effective strategies in preventing and mitigating the risk of wildlife strikes to aircraft. The event will also be an opportunity for networking, collaboration and coordination between States, industry and

other stakeholders.

An industry exhibit will showcase the breadth of existing and emerging technologies, and research and development activities of this industry sector.

Intended Outcomes

- Increasing international awareness of the wildlife strike threat to aircraft operational safety.
- Strengthening implementation of ICAO SARPs on wildlife control and reduction and application of guidance material.
- Exchange of best practices for wildlife

management programmes and techniques.

- Exploration of new technologies to minimize the risk of wildlife strikes.
- Understanding of the roles of existing bird strike committees.
- Enhancement of wildlife strike reporting.
- Formulation of global strategies to address wildlife strike hazards.

The conference will be held 16-18 May 2017 at the Assembly Hall, ICAO Headquarters in Montreal, QC.

Again, check our website to link with the ICAO website for more information.

The Bruce Mackinnon Memorial Award - Nominations

Every 2 years the BSAC awards the Bruce Mackinnon Memorial Award for significant contributions to aircraft-wildlife hazard mitigation and management in Canada. Last year the award went posthumously to Vic Solman, one of the pioneers in Canadian bird strike prevention. We will be accepting nominations for the award for the next year when voting will commence. If you know of a person who you believe deserves to be considered for the award, send their name and a short bio in for consideration. All nominations will be considered, and the Steering Committee will develop a short list to be put to the membership for a vote in 2017.

The **Bird Strike Association of Canada** (BSAC aka Bird Strike Canada) is a leader in airport wildlife strike prevention. By fostering dialogue within the industry, the BSAC seeks and advances innovative ideas in aviation safety. Our mandate includes setting standards, addressing industry issues by formulating effective strategies and implementing change through regulatory means.

Bird Strike Canada is a strong advocate for what concerns members from every sector of Canadian aviation. Validating research and the implementation of industry developments that support methods of mitigating bird strike risk are keynotes of the association. An important directive of Bird Strike Canada is developing best practices as well as the standardization of airport wildlife strike prevention data and training. Bird Strike Canada has collected literature on bird strike research from around the world and makes this available on-line to all of our members. Knowledge of effective strategies, policy and technologies assist wildlife managers achieve the best results possible at their airports.

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