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SPEAKERS



Dr Yiannis N. Paraschis, CEO, Athens International Airport S.A.

Mr Paraschis is the Chief Executive Officer of the Athens International Airport SA (AIA) since 2007. He served as AIA's Deputy CEO from 2001 to 2007. He joined AIA shortly after the company's establishment in 1996, following an international career in academia and strategic management consulting with A.T. Kearney and Deloitte.

Mr Paraschis is a member to the World Governing Board of Airports Council International (ACI), the global trade association of airports, at which he served as Chair during the period 2011 to 2013. He is also member of the Board of ACI EUROPE, which he chaired from 2007 to 2009. Currently, he is the President of the Council of the ACI Fund, which provides professional training and support to airports in developing nations.

Following a series of international distinctions for AIA and after 20 years of personal contribution to the international aviation industry, Mr Paraschis was honoured with the first "CAPA Airport Chief Executive of the Year" Award in October 2015.

He is the Chair of the Board of the Athens Airport Fuel Pipeline Company and participates in a number of other boards and councils of companies, academic institutions and trade associations.

Mr Paraschis holds a MSc in Industrial Engineering and a PhD in Operations Research from the University of Hamburg.



Mrs Angela Gittens, Director General, ACI World

Angela Gittens began her tenure as Director General of Airports Council International (ACI World) in 2008. She was formerly airport CEO for Miami and Atlanta and Deputy at San Francisco International Airport. In other previous roles, Gittens served as Vice-President, Airport Business Services for HNTB Corporation, where she led the firm's practice in airport business and strategic planning. And as Vice-President at TBI Airport Management, she oversaw the transition to private ownership of London Luton Airport and managed operations contracts at several airports in the US and Canada.

Gittens is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and has served on numerous aviation industry boards and committees including the FAA Management Advisory Committee, the FAA Research, Engineering and Development Committee, the National Civil Aviation Review Commission ("the Mineta Commission"), the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board, the Airport Cooperative Research Program Oversight Committee and the Board of Directors of JetBlue Airways.



Mr Olivier Jankovec, Director General, ACI EUROPE

Olivier Jankovec became Director General of the European Region of the Airports Council International (ACI EUROPE) in September 2006. ACI EUROPE is the European region of Airports Council International (ACI), the only worldwide professional association of airport operators. ACI EUROPE represents over 500 airports in 45 European countries. Our members facilitate over 90% of commercial air traffic in Europe: 2.3 billion passengers, 21.2 million tonnes of freight and 25.7 million aircraft movements in 2018. These airports contribute to the employment of 12.3 million people, generating €675 billion each year (4.1%) of GDP in Europe.

Olivier first joined ACI EUROPE in March 2006 as Director of Strategy & Communications. He has more than 22 years of governmental and lobbying experience, having worked for Alitalia (2002-2006), Air France (2000-2002) and the Air Transport Directorate of the European Commission (1994-2000).

Immediately prior to joining ACI EUROPE Olivier was the Director of Institutional Relations for Alitalia where he was in charge of governmental affairs at national, European and International levels. During this time, he was also Chair of the Association of European Airlines Policy Committee. In 2006 and 2007, he participated in the EU's High-Level Group on the future of aviation regulation in Europe.

Mr Declan Collier, Non-Executive Director, Royal Schiphol Group - Moderator

- 2017 to date: Non-Executive Director, The Royal Schiphol Group. Chairs the Capital Programmes, Operations and International Investments Committee, Responsibility for overseeing €7.0bn investment programme at Schiphol Airport and other investments at the greenfield airport of Laylstad airport, Brisbane airport, Hobart and T4 JFK. Member of the Audit & Risk Committee.
- 2018 to date: Chair and non-executive director, TCR International N.V.: Multinational, Aviation Ground Support equipment supply company, with operations in US, Europe, The Gulf, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand, supplies equipment to airlines, airports and ground support companies, 55000 units fleet and revenues of circa €250m p.a.
- 2018 to date: Chair and non-executive director, Her Majesty's Office of Rail & Road, UK. Responsible for the economic and safety regulation of the UK's Rail passenger and freight sector. Monitoring the delivery of €56.0bn investment in rail sector over next 5 years, also has responsibility for monitoring €6.0bn investment in UK's strategic road network.
- 2016 to date: Non-Executive Director, Crowdvision Ltd, Multinational crowd-flow analytics technology company working with airports in the US, UK, Europe, Turkey, The Gulf, Asia and Japan.
- 2018 to date: Senior Advisor, Oaktree Transport Infrastructure Fund, USA.
- 2012 – 2018: Served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at London City Airport (LCY). During this time, led a significant expansion in passenger growth, secured permission for and commenced a €600m development programme at LCY.
- 2005 to 2012, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), of the Irish state-owned Dublin Airports Authority (DAA) with responsibility for Dublin, Cork and Shannon airports and Chairman of Aer Rianta International (ARI). During this time oversaw the successful delivery of a €1.8bn capital investment programme to modernise the aviation gateways to Ireland (Dublin, Cork & Shannon airports), a successful expansion of the DAA's international airports business and growth in the financial performance of the group.
- 2016-2018: President of the World Association of Airports, Airports Council International (ACI), the representative body of airports worldwide and non-executive director of the World Board of ACI from 2008 -2018.
- 2012-2014: President of ACI Europe, the representative body for European airports.
- 2014-2017: Served as the Deputy Chair of the board of the Airport Operators Association (AOA) UK, the representative body of UK airports.
- Prior to 2012: Worked with ExxonMobil, where held a range of executive and senior management positions in Ireland and the UK. In last role at ExxonMobil, had responsibility for the management of key businesses in the alternative fuels sector, in addition to the management of the company's European district heating businesses.



Mr Gerard Geurtjens, Project Director, Royal Schiphol Group – Amsterdam Airport

He joined Schiphol Group 10 years ago as Director of the Project Management Department, responsible for the execution of all construction and infrastructure projects at the airport.

Before coming to Schiphol Group Gerard Geurtjens held director positions at transavia.com, subsidiary of Air France KLM, Berenschot Consultancy and ABN AMRO Bank. He started his career as a police commander in the police force of Rotterdam. Gerard has been board member of the International Project Management Association (IPMA) and chairman of IPMA-Netherlands for many years.



Mr Peter Hotham, Deputy Executive Director, SESAR Joint Undertaking

Peter is the Deputy Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking in Brussels.

In accordance with the EU Aviation Strategy and as part of the Single European Sky, the SESAR JU is responsible for coordinating and concentrating all Air Transport (ATM) research activities across the EU; including exploratory research, industrial research & validation and demonstration activities into Solutions for deployment. Peter graduated in 'Aerospace Studies' with a BSc (Honours) as well as a Post Graduate Diploma in 'Computing for Commerce & Industry' and is a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

He has over 35 years of relevant experience across a range of safety related Airport, Control Centre and CNS infrastructure projects in roles, ranging from senior management, enterprise and system architecture, system engineering, programme & project management.



Mr Jost Lammers, President, ACI EUROPE

Jost Lammers has been recently announced to become new President & CEO of Munich Airport taking office as of 01 January 2020. Previously he served as CEO and Member of the Board of Directors of Budapest Airport since 1st December 2007. Mr. Lammers is also the President of ACI EUROPE since his election on 27 June 2019.

Mr. Lammers worked as Managing Director Commercial at Flughafen Düsseldorf Ground Handling GmbH from 2004, and from 2005 he was appointed as Chairman of the Management Board. Prior to this, between 2001 and 2004 he worked for HOCHTIEF AirPort as Divisional Manager and Director of Düsseldorf Airport. Between 1998 and 2001 he worked for HOCHTIEF AirPort as Senior Asset Manager at Athens International Airport.

After studying Business Administration and Economics in Bayreuth, San Diego and Witten/Herdecke, Mr. Lammers graduated in Economics at the University of Witten/Herdecke and started his carrier in the automotive industry in 1994 before joining HOCHTIEF in 1996.

Mr. Lammers was also a Member of the Supervisory Board of Hamburg Airport between 2016 and 2019 and has been Member of ACI EUROPE's Board and Executive Committee since 2017 and 2018 respectively.



Mr Hemant Mistry, IATA Director Global Airport Infrastructure & Fuel

Hemant Mistry is the Director for Global Airport Infrastructure & Fuel within IATA's Airport, Passenger, Cargo & Security Division. He works with governments, airports and jet fuel suppliers to build opportunities for partnership, efficiency improvement, effective capacity development and best practice implementation.

Before joining IATA, Hemant worked as a Senior Associate for Booz Allen Hamilton, a global management consultancy, where he led competition and regulatory assessments for the European Commission and performed safety audits for national aviation authorities. He also developed various business cases for airport and ANSP investments.

Hemant's first employment was with UK National Air Traffic Services where he helped develop ICAO standards and recommended practices for new aviation technologies and operational concepts. He was sponsored by the UK Civil Aviation Authority and is a graduate of the University of Manchester, Institute of Science and Technology.

Alexis Papachelas. Journalist, Executive editor KATHIMERINI newspaper

Alexis Papachelas was born in Athens in 1961.

He has a BA in History and Economics from Bard College and a Master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University. He has interviewed many important global personalities from Presidents Obama, Clinton, Assad, to Bill Gates and others.

He has also been a host of the TV current affairs shows "FAKELOI" and "ISTORIES".

He was named among the most influential Europeans for 2015 by POLITICO. He is currently the Executive Editor of KATHIMERINI newspaper.



Mr Tassos Giannitsis, Chairman, LAMDA Development SA

Professor emeritus at the Kapodistrian University of Athens. He studied Law, Economics & Political Sciences in Athens and obtained his PhD in economics at the Free University of Berlin. He served at the Department of Economics from 1975 to 2011. He was Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Alternate Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2001-2004), Minister of the Interior (2011-2012); Economic Advisor to the PM (1994-2003), Member of the Board of Trustees at the Cyprus Institute, (2010-); Chairman of the Board (Hellenic Petroleum, 2009-2011, and Lamda Development, 2015-); He has published many books and articles on economic, social and European integration issues.



Mr Bill M. Halkias, President, International Road Federation, Geneva Chapter (IRF)

Bill Halkias PE, F.ASCE, F.ITE, is the Managing Director and CEO of the Attiki Odos Operation and Maintenance Company (Attikes Diadromes S.A.) since its inception in 1999, while from 1996 to 1999 he was the Technical Director of the Concessionaire "Attiki Odos SA". Member of the Board of Directors of "AKTOR CONCESSIONS SA" since 2008 and Vice President since 2018, he represents Aktor Concessions at "Aegean Motorway SA" as Managing Director and at "Olympia Odos Operations SA" as member of the Board of Directors.

Currently President since May 2019 of the "International Road Federation" (IRF) based in Geneva, Switzerland. He served from 2014 to 2019 as the first President of the Hellenic Association of Toll Road Network, with the distinctive title "HELLASTRON", founded with the participation of all motorways and toll infrastructures operating in Greece. He was also President (2018-2019) of ASECAP, the Association of European Toll Motorways serving a four-year term (2016-2020) in the Executive Committee. He is a member of the BoD of IBTTA (International Bridge Tunnel Turnpike Association) serving for a second time 4 year terms (2007-2010 and 2018-2021). He was a member of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) Freeway Operations Committee (2004-2010) and he also served as President (2010-2012) of the Hellenic Institute of Transportation Engineers (H.ITE). He is licensed Professional Engineer in eight US states.

He is a Rural and Surveying Engineer from the National Technical University of Athens (1981), with a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (1984).



Mr Alexander Zinell, CEO, Fraport Greece

Alexander Zinell was appointed Chief Executive Officer in 2016. Fraport Greece holds concessions to operate 14 Greek airports (approx. 30 million passengers in 2018) over a 40-year term. The company invests more than 415m EUR in order to expand and overhaul all its airports.

Prior to this assignment, Alexander Zinell was in charge of Global Investments and Management at Fraport AG. He held numerous senior positions at airport operations in Antalya (Turkey), St. Petersburg (Russia), Varna and Burgas (Bulgaria), Orlando (USA) and Lima (Peru). Alexander Zinell holds degrees in business administration from the University of Cologne and HEC in Paris.