1. Introduction

1.1. This report covers my first year as TPSec.

2. Discussion

2.1. I was appointed as the TPSec for the period of two years, from March 14, 2008 until the closing of the 2010 Annual Conference.

2.2. Before being appointed as the TPSec, David Guerin, my predecessor delegated the responsibility of producing IFATCA Weekly Email News (IWEN) which I have been doing since October 2006. Also I continue to be the Liaison Officer for IFATCA for my MA since 2005 when ATC Guild (India) was affiliated to IFATCA

2.3. Technical and Professional Manual (TPManual)

2.3.1. Work started on 2008 update of the TPManual in April 2008. It could finally be completed only in July end. I would like to place on record my thanks to David Guerin, Jack van Delft, Alexis Braithwaite, Geert Maessen and Akos van der Plaat for their contributions towards the successful production of TPManual 2008.

2.3.2. I recognise that the TPManual can be further improved. I request all to give their suggestions towards a better version of the TPManual in 2009.

2.4. Meetings

2.4.1. I attended the TOC Meeting at Miami Beach in September 2008. The TOC meeting with Akos at the Chair was an experience I value. I got to see first-hand how those excellent papers presented by TOC at the conferences are made and all the hard work that goes into them.

2.4.2. I would have liked to attend the PLC Meeting at Hong Kong in October last year and the combined TOC/PLC Meeting at Athens in January this year but could not due to either failing to get a sponsor for the trip or because the Committee budgets were not enough to accommodate me.

2.5. IFATCA Weekly E-mail News (IWEN)

2.5.1. IWEN continued to be produced every week throughout the period of the report.

2.5.2. The IWEN goes out to every MA save those whose emails have stopped working. Though meant primarily for the MAs the IWEN also goes out to a few other entities like the IFALPA, EUROCONTROL etc. I would request every MA to let me know their latest email address wherein they would like to receive the IWENs.

2.5.3. The IWEN is sent out as an email attachment. The attachment is in a newsletter format wherein a glimpse of the topic is provided along with the IWEN Calendar. For more details of the topics covered in the newsletter one needs to click the IWEN-NET link which leads one to IWEN-NET website presently hosted under the atcguild.com domain (http://www.atcguild.com/iwen/IWEN-NET.asp). Those documents which are available in the web otherwise are not replicated in the domain; instead a “click here” link is provided which takes one to the relevant website.

2.5.4. The IWEN newsletters (which are sent out as email attachment) can also be accessed directly from the IWEN-NET website.
2.5.5 All reports or documents for distribution within the Federation should be sent to iwen@ifatca.org. The alternate address for IWEN mails is ifatca.iwen@gmail.com. I would like to hear from you suggestions for improvements or other comments.

2.5.6 A Register of State Letters and Electronic Bulletins is updated and included in the IWEN. Actions as required by the EVPT or EVPP are indicated in the Register.

2.5.7 It was proposed to host the IWEN-NET in the ifatca.org domain. Rob Marshall created a separate section in the ifatca.org domain (www.ifatca.org/iwen). But I could not upload the files in the section. I hope to solve this problem when I interact with Rob at the Conference.

2.5.8 I request all MAs to send me (iwen@ifatca.org) regular summary of activities being carried out in their regions for inclusion in IWEN.

2.6. IHB Online

2.6.1 I proposed to put the IHB (Information Handbook) online in an interactive format. This will enable MAs to view the latest responses on the selected parameters through a few clicks rather than searching through the entire pdf file. Also they should be able to update their own responses online.

2.6.2 After receiving the latest IHB responses in a database format from Geert Maesen, I am in the process of preparing the IHB webpages. I intend to complete the job at the soonest and submit it to the EB for approval.

3. Conclusions

3.1 I would like to thank David Guerin, my predecessor as TPSeC in assisting the Federation through his guidance to me in executing the responsibilities of TPSeC especially in preparing the TPManual 2008. I solicit suggestions from all to make the TPManual 2009 an improved document.

3.2 I attended the TOC meeting in September and could not attend the PLC meeting in October last year and the Athens Meeting in January this year. I intend to attend the TOC and PLC Meetings this year subject to Committee budgets and my ability to get sponsors for the trips.

3.3 The IWEN is being published regularly. I with the assistance of Rob Marshall hope to transfer the IWEN-NET to the ifatca.org domain soon.

3.4 All reports or documents for distribution within the Federation should be sent to iwen@ifatca.org (alternate: ifatca.iwen@gmail.com). All other mails for TPSeC which are not for publication in IWEN should be sent to tpsec@ifatca.org (alternate: ifatca.tpsec@gmail.com).

3.5 I propose to complete the IHB online project soon.

3.6 I would like to thank my Member Association, ATC Guild (India) and my employer, Airports Authority of India for their kind support. Also, very sincere thanks to my wife for supporting me.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that this report be accepted.