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Participant Biographies

Kulmukhamed Achakeyev
Manas International Airport
Vice President
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Fulfilling the role of Vice President at Manas International Airport in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Mr. Achakeyev possesses a well-rounded experience regarding airport organization and operations. He has been involved with aviation for over 10 years and has worked in a number of various administrative and hands-on positions. He has an education in engineering and has represented the Manas Airport's interests on several occasions in both Germany and the UAE. Mr. Achakeyev's interests lie in management structure and emerging technologies, and he desires to make the Manas Airport more competitive on the international market.

Viktor Arama
Cahul International Airport
Executive Director
Cahul, Moldova

Mr. Arama heads everyday operations and oversees the safety and upkeep of the Cahul International Airport in Moldova in his position of Executive Director. He has a mechanical engineering degree combined with 16 years of administrative experience and wishes to compare similarly-sized US airports with Cahul International while on the SABIT program. He considers airport/airline security to be a primary issue at Cahul and would like to become more acquainted with modern construction techniques, equipment, management, and overall aviation standards on the international level.

Yelena Babak
Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Kyrgyz Republic, Civil Aviation
Head of Airdrome Certification Department and Deputy Head of Air Navigation
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

As Deputy Head of the Air Navigation and Certification Department, Mrs. Babak monitors and enforces civil aviation regulations concerning construction, development, management, and operations of aerodromes. She has earned a degree in engineering from the Kiev Institute for Civil Aviation Engineers, and has worked with aviation and aerodromes since 1985. As a professional inspector, Mrs. Babak possesses a high interest in US legislation

regarding the requirements and certification of aerodromes, as well as in equipment for the construction, maintenance, and repair of airports and aerodromes.

Aleksandr Bokov
Saratov Airlines
General Director
Saratov, Russia

As the current General Director of Saratov Airlines Mr. Bokov manages the company's internal operations, approves financial contracts, appoints deputies and endows them with suitable responsibilities, and also works as a regular pilot, flying to Germany, Turkey, Israel, and the UAE. Mr. Bokov has plans to construct a new terminal and therefore wishes to gain experience in the area of strategic development, marketing, new technologies, and financial management. One of his primary goals while participating on the SABIT program is to establish business partnerships to augment the number of passengers able to be transported on Saratov Airlines.

Aleksandr Buzov
Anapa Airport
General Director
Anapa, Russia

Anapa Airport is a largely resort airport with 70% of its passengers traveling during the summer. Mr. Buzov, in his role as General Director, would like to expand non-summer air traffic through his facility. He has a degree from the Civil Aviation Academy in St. Petersburg and has been involved in executive duties for over 10 years, serving as the former Deputy General Director of Arkhangelsk Airport and the Marketing Director of an aviation research firm. Through SABIT, Mr. Buzov desires to gain information on new airport technologies, make useful business contacts, and observe the financial administration of international airports. His goals include updating Anapa's equipment and technology, achieving financial stability, and locating possible investors.

Anna Degtyarenko
Tashkent International Airport
Head of Commercial Department
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

After working as an economist and later a marketing specialist, Mrs. Degtyarenko is currently the Head of the Commercial Department and is responsible for the entire marketing policy of Tashkent International Airport. Her interests lie in the dynamism of the aviation market, airport organization, and problem solving. On the SABIT program, Mrs. Degtyarenko would like to learn more about the specific relationships between airports and airlines, the marketing of non-specialized services, and alternative marketing strategies. One of her major goals includes the improvement of services for passengers, luggage, cargo, and aircraft at Tashkent International.

Viktor Gorbachev
Civil Aviation Airport Association
General Director
Moscow, Russia

Mr. Gorbachev is General Director of the Airport Association, which provides its 220 members from 24 countries with information about the latest scientific and technological advances in the aviation industry and defends their interests with the Federal Government. He has earned a degree at both Moscow's Engineering and Economics Institute in 1970 and Saint Petersburg's Academy of Civil Aviation in 2001. He is interested in federal aviation legislation, management structures, and the relationship between airports and airlines. Mr. Gorbachev's long-term goals include the expansion of his company to incorporate all CIS airports and to establish new business contacts with American firms.

Fuad Guliyev
State Concern of Civil Aviation
Deputy Head of the Main Department of
Coordination and Foreign Relations
Baku, Azerbaijan

In his position as Deputy Chief of the Coordination of Airports and External Relations, Mr. Guliyev directs the overall operations of Baku International Airport and is responsible for all commercial agreements with foreign airlines. The CAA owns Azerbaijan Airlines and all Azeri airports and coordinates everything from federal regulations and maintenance to catering and jet fuel distribution. Mr. Guliyev has a degree from the Kiev Institute of Engineering and Civil Aviation. His long-term goals include increasing overall efficiency at Baku Int'l and enhancing general service quality.

Zakirkhan Ibragimov
Tashkent International Airport
Director
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

As General Director of Tashkent International Airport Mr. Ibragimov supervises the work of 3,000 employees and oversees all main airport activities. He possesses a mechanical engineering degree from Tashkent Polytechnic Institute and is interested in aviation funding, management structures, and forming business contacts with American companies. While on the SABIT program, Mr. Ibragimov hopes to improve the service quality for passengers, luggage, cargo, ground equipment, as well as update the infrastructure and technology of Tashkent International. His primary long-term goal is to boost the inter-national status of the airport.

Andrey Illarionov
Yakutsk Airport
General Director
Yakutsk, Russia

The General Director of Yakutsk Airport, Mr. Andrey Illarionov, heads the administration of airport operations and strategic planning, and enforces all state and international aviation regulations. He has worked closely with Boeing by testing aircraft operations and maintenance in cold conditions at Yakutsk Airport. Mr. Illarionov is also a Representative in the Sakha Republic Parliament and works directly with aviation legislation and requirements. He has a degree from the Riga Civil Aviation Engineering Institute and has been involved with aviation for over 10 years. He is interested in new ways to attract investment and enhance profits and eventually lead to the enlargement of international activities for the airport.

Sergey Myrashkin
Borispil International Airport
Deputy General Director
Kiev, Ukraine

As Deputy Director of Boryspil International Airport in Kiev, Ukraine Mr. Myrashkin oversees all personnel and flight operations. He has an Electrical Engineering Degree from the Industrial Institute of Zaporizha and has completed many supplemental aviation management courses over the past few years. Mr. Myrashkin is interested in utilizing new equipment to better airport operations, especially in the field of computer technology. In the United States, he would like to observe operations in the largest international airports, and ultimately seeks to increase the status of Boryspil International to that of a European hub and major CIS airport.

Fyodor Niryan
Chisinau International Airport
General Director
Chisinau, Moldova

Mr. Niryan was just recently appointed General Director of Chisinau International Airport in Moldova. He is responsible for passenger and technical services, ground crew supervision, security, and human resource management for 720 employees. He served as a representative in the State Chancellery of Moldova for nearly 15 years, working with various state financial and administrative duties. Through SABIT, Mr. Niryan desires to modernize passenger services and observe the management structures of large U.S. airports, especially in New York. One of his main goals involves learning how to attract Western airlines to the Moldovan market.

Viktor Plynin
JSC Krasnoyarsk Airlines, Krasnoyarsk Airport
Director
Krasnoyarsk, Russia

As Director of KrasAir and Krasnoyarsk Airport Mr. Plynin is responsible for a wide variety of duties. He has two engineering degrees from the Riga Civil Aviation Engineering Institute: one in Planning and the other in Mechanics. Mr. Plynin has over 30 years of experience in the aviation industry, and hopes to learn more about U.S. airport services, equipment, and to establish valuable business contacts on the SABIT program. His major long-term goal involves improving the efficiency, capacity, and overall standards of Krasnoyarsk Airport so that it could provide passenger and cargo service on an international level.

Vladimir Reunov
Pulkovo Federal Unitary Aviation Enterprise
Head of Ground Handling Agreements Department
St. Petersburg, Russia

Mr. Reunov's primary responsibilities include directing marketing efforts and leading contractual negotiations with foreign, CIS, and Russian airlines. He completed both the Riga Civil Aviation Institute and the St. Petersburg Civil Aviation Academy where he earned a degree in Air Transport Management. Mr. Reunov would like to establish relationships with U.S. airlines in order to acquire a better understanding of economics, marketing, decision-making and negotiating processes, data-base management, strategic planning, and the legal framework for American airports operations.

Beken Seidakhmetov
Astana International Airport
Senior Vice President
Astana, Kazakhstan

Mr. Seidakhmetov is responsible for the overall daily operations of all departments in Astana International Airport in Kazakhstan; moreover, he plays a large role in every contractual agreement discussed and concluded. He possesses a degree in Technical and Economic Engineering; a Master's Degree in Business Administration; and postgraduate work at Moscow State Technical University of Civil Aviation. Mr. Seidakhmetov has worked in the aviation sector for over 10 years and his main interest lies in management aspects of mid-sized airports, and airport consortia.

Valeriy Shlegel
Blagoveschensk Airport
General Director
Blagoveschensk, Russia

Serving as the General Director of the Blagoveshchensk Airport in the Amur Region of Russia, Mr. Shlegel represents the airport at meetings with local mayors and regional governors, manages the staff, oversees all financial undertakings, and enforces the local, federal, and international regulations. He has worked in the aviation infrastructure sector since 1994. Mr. Shlegel is interested in modernizing the airport by installing new equipment to update security standards, improving passenger service, and enhancing airport communications by upgrading computer and electrical technology. He believes these improvements will make his airport a more viable option in the Russian Far East.

Mikhail Velikoredchanin
Airport-Service
General Director
Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia

As General Director of the Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk Airport in the Russian Far East Mr. Velikoredchanin manages operations of air traffic infrastructure, oversees the updating of technological advancement, supervises financial undertakings, and investigates any violations of airport regulations and conduct. As passenger volume increased by 15% last year, the airport requires a complete renovation of the infrastructure. Therefore Mr. Velikoredchanin would like to gain exposure to strategic planning, modern equipment, and financial management structures in the U.S. He has a degree in Engineering Administration from St. Petersburg's Academy of Civil Aviation, and his primary goal for the airport is to upgrade airport services to reach international standards.

Valeriy Zhavoronko
State Design and Research Institute of Civil
Aviation “Dalaeroproject”
Director
Khabarovsk, Russia

Mr. Zhavoronko supervises the heads of all departments, including: airfields; air traffic control; communications; airport infrastructure, building and facilities; construction; and others. He has occupied his current position for 12 years, and worked at the institute for 35 years; all major airports of Siberia and the Russian Far East built in this timeframe were constructed using designs developed by his institute. He would like to observe the modern design practices and construction methods and techniques currently used in the U.S. while participating on the SABIT program.