

The 2013 EFLEVA Technical and Business Conference.

EFLEVA Conference at the Air Force Centre Dübendorf



The fourth EFLEVA Technical and Business Conference was held at the Dübendorf Air Force Centre Museum on the outskirts of Zurich on October 26. The museum contains over forty aircraft in two large halls, depicting Swiss aviation from its beginnings in the early 1900s to the present day and the upstairs conference room was an ideal location for the delegates who had travelled from across

Europe. Dübendorf Airfield is also the home of JU-Air, which operates four historic JU-52s on pleasure flight duty; they were doing sterling services during the EFLEVA visit and made quite a spectacle as they taxied right up to the museum's cafeteria window.

Fifteen organisations from twelve countries were represented; illustrating the growing maturity of what has become a very important federation for Sport and Recreational Aviation within Europe. The Conference was opened on Saturday October 26 by its President Roger Hopkinson who welcomed delegates and thanked them for their continued work in support of on-going projects. He also commented on the progress the Federation had made in the six years since its formation; it now represented over 90% of Europe's experimental aircraft, as participation in that sector within most of the EU States not currently included in the Federation was either non-existent or very small.

Detail Reports with discussions have been exchanged under following items:

Vintage Commission, Experimental Commission, Airworthiness database, The Light Commission, Consultative Commission, Europe Air Sports report, Commercial and Non Commercial Operations, Light Sport Aircraft, Review of Countries Experimental (amateur build) Aircraft regulation, France, Sweden, Portugal and many more. For all details visit www.efleva.eu.

The Conference drew to a close and after another brief look around the museum the delegates made their way back to the hotel for a communal evening meal. Another successful Conference for a still quite new organisation that is establishing itself firmly on the European aviation scene and making positive progress in the interests of our community.

Our thanks to Swiss delegate and EFLEVA Treasurer Alfons Hubmann for organising the event.

EFLEVA News:

Members will recall that EFLEVA asked ECAC (The European Civil Aviation Conference) to publish on its website the position in respect of states compliance with **ECAC Recommendation INT.S/11-1 (dated 1980)** that Member States accept home-built aircraft with a certificate of airworthiness or a "permit to fly" issued by another Member State, to fly in their country without any restrictions other than those stated in the certificate of airworthiness or "permit to fly".

This is now available on their website at:-

https://www.ecac-ceac.org//activities/safety/home_built_aircraft