

**IFALPA CAR/SAM REGIONAL MEETING
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1. Executive Summary.

The participation of Brazil in IFALPA had a significant growth in the last few months. This growth was influenced by a better organization of the technical works that are being conducted in Brazil. The synergy between the associations involved in this project (ABRAPAC, ATT, ASAGOL and SNA) could guarantee the participations of the Brazilian members in 5 IFALPA committees (PGA, HUPER, AGE, AAP and ATS).

The most critical issue involving IFALPA at this moment is the “Free Hot Air Balloons” threat. At the annual meeting in New Orleans, the plenary deliberated about this Brazilian issue and the airspace is under the “Critical Deficient – Black Star” category. An IFALPA letter was issued to the Brazilian authorities and a working group was created to deal with this threat. That was the first time a working group was created to deal with the balloons problem. So far the different divisions of the civil and military aviation system are discussing how to mitigate the risk of collision between those artifacts and an aircraft, and how they can regulate this activity. The Brazilian pilots’ group presented a draft of a law in order to turn this activity a crime against the civil aviation system.

IFALPA was invited to participate as a member at the MAC (Mid Air Collision) group and BCAST (Brazilian Commercial Aviation Safety Team) of IATA/ICAO. Besides these two groups, we were invited to participate at the Brasília International Airport Runway Safety Team. Brasília is the first airport to issue a RST program according to ICAO standards.

2. General-Economy/Political Details

Brazil faced a deep political and economic crisis at the beginning of 2016. The president Dilma Rousseff was under investigation of corruption and faced an impeachment process. She was ousted off the presidency on August 31st, 2016. Michel Temer replaced her and is in charge to bring the Brazilian economy and politic back on track. He is promoting unpopular, but necessary changes to control the state spending.

The focus of corruption investigation now is on the congress and the private sector. Many entrepreneurs were convicted and many contracts are being revised.

There is no prediction of economy growth for the next few months, consequently, the number of job openings should continue high

3. General-Member Association Details:

ABRAPAC is the MA that currently holds the IFALPA representation. There is a willing of unification of the activities between ABRAPAC and SNA (Brazilian Union) in order to promote IFALPA activities among the community. Now ABRAPAC represents over 300 pilots in Brazil. With the unification of the activities, these numbers can be significantly raised. SNA also represents the flight attendants in Brazil. ABRAPAC see the importance of this unification as an opportunity to be the PILOT’S voice in the SNA.

A new executive board will take place by January 1st and is committed in promoting this joint venture.

4. **Association Carriers:**

Last year, Brazilian airlines carried 110 million passengers domestically, with a market share consisting of: 37% TAM, 34% GOL, 18% Azul and 10% Avianca.

Azul announced a codeshare agreement with United Airlines. Gol expanded its code sharing agreement with Delta Air Lines and Avianca also expanded its relationship with ANA - All Nippon Airways.

5. **Other Carriers:** NA

6. **Summary**

Brazilian IFALPA has a big improvement in organization, participation in committees and local safety groups. It is exercising leadership among the industry, bringing to the table the pilot's needs and helping the development of the industry.

The ultimate goal for the next year is to have an agreement between all the associations that represents the pilot's voice that guarantee the growth in participation of IFALPA's issues.