



Aerotoxic Association

Supporting those affected by Aerotoxic Syndrome

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As a result of The Netherlands based Aerotoxic Association attending the first EASA Cabin Air workshop in Cologne to provide evidence of Toxic Cabin Air illness for 'More research' to fill knowledge gaps the Aerotoxic Association was invited to present their demands to EASA and other interested stakeholders on 31st January 2020.

EASA (European Union Aviation Safety Agency) ran an open Cabin Air workshop at their HQ in Koln, Germany on 30/31 January 2020: *"In order to listen to scientists' opinions on further research activities in the context of Cabin Air contamination events. The outcomes of the workshop will help to steer the direction of future research projects". See EASA 'Save the date invitation' pdf attached.*

Since 22nd May 2006, Captain John Hoyte of the Aerotoxic Association has been accumulating numerous Testimonies from aircrew and passengers of illness caused after exposure to toxic cabin air. The open invitation to share this raw data evidence with EASA and others was a unique opportunity for all parties to share missing evidence which is in the public interest:

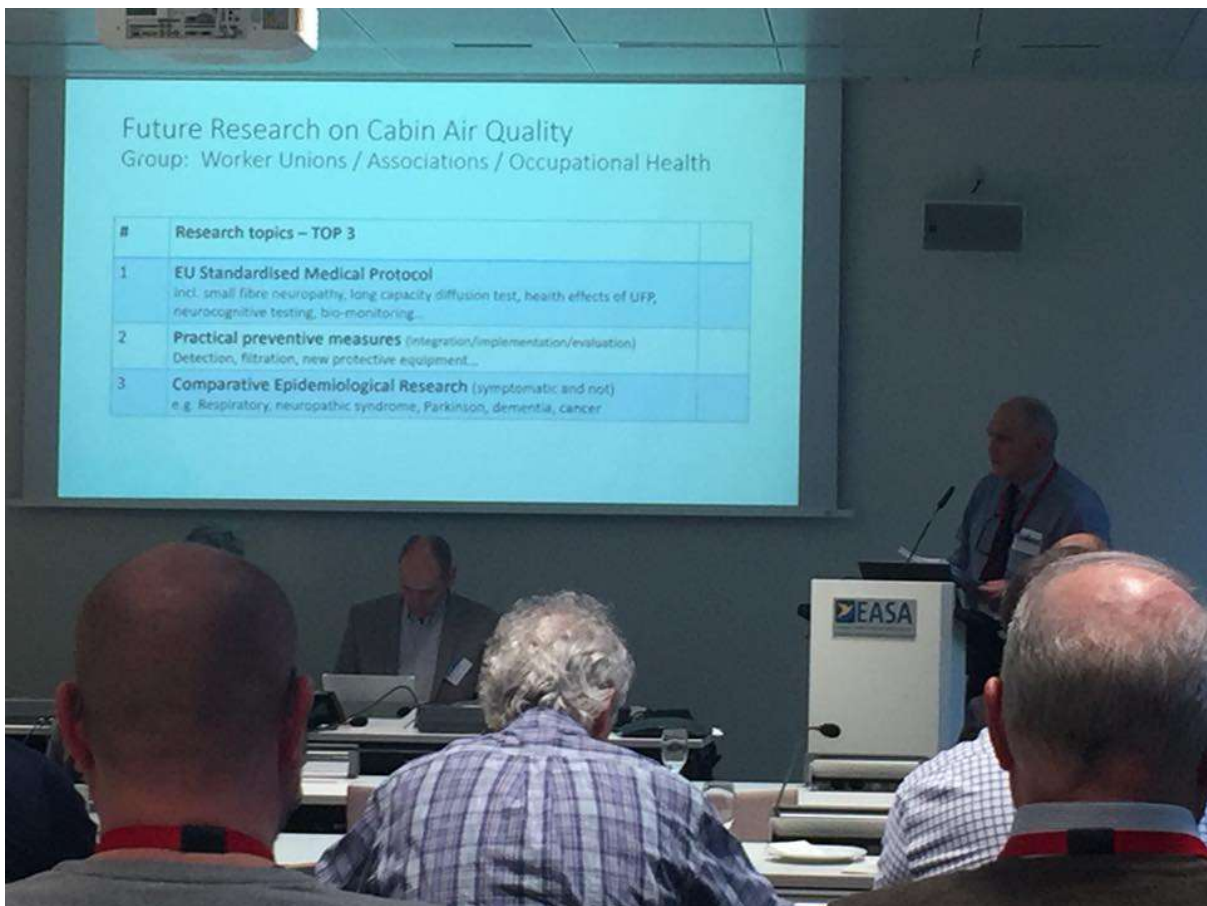
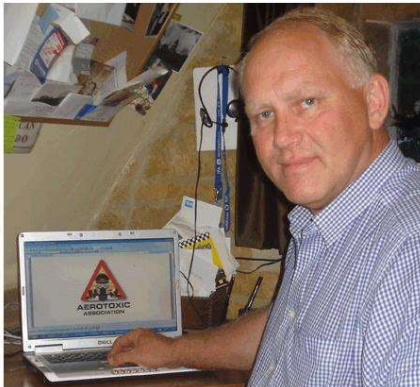
"The results obtained so far allow for a better understanding of possible cabin air pollutants but do not enable to conclude on the ever evolving questions regarding potential health effects. As a consequence and on the basis of the experience gained with this projects, the definition of appropriate measurement methods onboard aircraft as well as further investigation of the causal relationship between health symptoms and cabin air contamination should be the main objectives of the next studies and research programmes in this domain".

John Hoyte commented *'We are delighted to share with the media this good news of future cooperation between the airlines which included KLM, Lufthansa, Air France, Easyjet, Icelandair, Alitalia, American Airlines, TUI and BA plus the Regulators, Researchers including doctors and Unions and a Netherlands Doctor of the European Society of Aerospace Medicine with other Associations for further cooperation into this known H&S issue. It was stressed that the solutions are available now and we all have a public duty to do the most we can to assist EASA with ground-breaking research to formally meet and offer the scientists, academics and researchers who are searching for the missing evidence which will help them fill their gaps of knowledge, in the public interest.'*

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Photos/images:

Photo of John Hoyte, founder of the Aerotoxic Association



Capt. John Hoyte of Aerotoxic Association presents the Worker Unions/Associations/ Occupational demands to all stakeholders at EASA on 31st January 2020.

Interviews with Capt. John Hoyte (The Netherlands), and Capt. Peter Lawton (UK), Aerotoxic Association supporter, can be arranged.

What is Aerotoxic Syndrome?

Aerotoxic Syndrome is the term given to the illness caused by exposure to contaminated air in jet aircraft. This term was first introduced in a published paper in 1999 by Dr Harry Hoffman (U.S.), Professor Chris Winder (Australia) and Jean Christophe Balouet PhD (France):

"Aerotoxic Syndrome: Adverse health effects following exposure to jet oil mist during commercial flights".

Those who have been subject to toxic oil exposure normally complain of headaches, breathing difficulties, muscle aching and exhaustion. Those who suffer full Aerotoxic Syndrome symptoms, where repeated exposures of toxic chemicals attack the central nervous system (CNS), mainly show neurological symptoms which can be many and varied. Symptoms can include vision problems, breathing problems, increased tiredness, lack of concentration, word finding problems, memory impairment, cognitive problems and the inability to focus.

About the Aerotoxic Association

The Aerotoxic Association was founded to raise this issue and support those suffering from aerotoxic syndrome. It has provided guidance and advice to thousands of airline pilots, cabin crew and passengers regarding Aerotoxic Syndrome, which is known to affect the peripheral central nervous system and the brain causing a range of gastro-intestinal, neurological and psychological symptoms.

Former BAe 146 pilot Captain John Hoyte founded the Aerotoxic Association Ltd. on 19th March 2007 before a launch at the UK Houses of Parliament on 18th June 2007 to support aircrew and passengers whose short and long-term health had also been affected by toxic oil fume exposure in the confined space of commercial jets.

Capt. Hoyte had to retire due to ongoing severe symptoms of Aerotoxic Syndrome and was one of 27 BALPA (British Airline Pilots Association) pilots tested by University College London and all 27 or 100% showed evidence of toxic poisoning and reduced cognitive function.

More evidence at www.aerotoxic.org & www.aerotoxiciteam.com

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