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As one of the organisers of the forthcoming conference on cabin air quality being held in London next month, the GCAQE (Global Cabin Air Quality Executive) hopes that most of you will be aware that this important global conference is taking place. The International Aircraft Cabin Air Conference, being held at Imperial College in London, on 19-20 September 2017, will be the largest and most informative event ever held on this global topic. Full details at: www.aircraftcabinair.com

The conference is being attended by a diverse range of interested parties, including airlines and manufacturers from around the world. We are confident the conference is very relevant to all manufacturers, airlines, regulators and bureaus of air safety, especially in Germany.

We have often heard that the German aerospace industry, aviation authorities and related organizations are always open to learn about the latest information, to participate in discussions and review available solutions. The BFU for example in 2014 recommended (Safety recommendation No. 05/2014) that scientific research be undertaken on the cabin air topic. Consequently, we are surprised that none of the above named people, nor their representatives have as of 21 August 2017, actually booked to attend the conference. We note that the Lufthansa group had accepted a request to speak at the conference, however the acceptance was shortly thereafter withdrawn. Perhaps some of you in fact have not seen the conference details? We are sure those undertaking and involved in such research and related actions would want to familiarize themselves with all the latest evidence and information on this topic.

We would very much welcome your attendance and input, as our goal is always to work with industry to address this ongoing health and flight safety issue. Please do let us know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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