

## JIG, IATA & A4A sign MoU to strengthen and promote safety and quality assurance in global aviation fuelling activities.



JIG is pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with International Air Transport Association (IATA) and Airlines for America (A4A) that intends to strengthen and promote safety and quality assurance in global aviation fuelling activities.

JIG, IATA and A4A will seek to encourage the gradual standardisation of aviation fuel processes by facilitating compliance with the JIG Standards, and other current industry standards and best practises. A particularly key issue for the aviation industry with regard to fuelling is alignment of standards across different regions. The three organisations have agreed to work together to eliminate regional variations and promote best practice standards.

“JIG’s vision is to work with industry partners to establish and enhance standards for the safe handling and quality control of aviation fuels globally. By partnering with IATA and A4A we will be able to more effectively support the industry by strengthening the implementation of our standards and providing a framework for the development of an industry Quality Assurance Scheme which will form the foundation of a global inspection process that is supported by airlines,” said John Buxton, Chairman of the JIG Council.

This standardisation is expected to facilitate a reduction in the number of required inspections at a given location, while increasing the scope of coverage across the globe and the reduction of cost.

“To maintain the quality of aviation fuel, the supporting infrastructure and operations is vital to the safe and efficient functioning of the air transport industry. This MoU, covering all airport fuel storage and handling, puts forward an industry-level program for application of standards and a single global reference for airline inspections.” This is a great step forward in further promoting safety and efficiency said Hemant Mistry, Director Global Airport Infrastructure and Fuel, IATA.

“A4A is committed to ensuring that the quality of its members’ fuel is safeguarded throughout the supply chain—from the refinery to when it is delivered into the aircraft. The MoU with IATA and JIG will help achieve this. We are delighted to be expanding our partnerships in this area and work towards eliminating regional variations in standards in fuelling,” said Amy Carico, Director Fuel Services and Technical Standards, A4A.

“I’m very pleased the three main stakeholders have been able to reach this landmark agreement” said Thorsten Lange, Director of Fuel Purchasing, Lufthansa and Chairman of IATA’s Commercial Fuel Group. “This agreement will also help ensure the industry maintains sufficient expert resource. The fact that all parties agree participation in each other’s relevant committees, and work on joint training and technical assistance can only strengthen the industry.”

“This cooperation between the three major aviation parties is showing the only right way forward for airlines and suppliers, which will greatly help in coordinating global inspections programs of both JIG and the IATA Fuel Quality Pool” said Michel Baljet, Head of Fuel Services IATA.

“This is a great breakthrough for JIG and its members, as well as a clear benefit for the global fuelling industry” said Tony Conway, JIG General Manager. “It aligns well with the recently launched JIG “Inspected to JIG Standards” programme, which is continuing the success that we outlined at the last JIG Members’ Technical Forum, but it also creates a vision to address the challenges of resources and inefficiency that our JIG members have discussed many times”