Innovative CBAA 2017 Breaks New Ground

CBAA 2017, held concurrently with the Aerospace Defence and Security Expo, broke new ground with expanded educational and exhibition opportunities that will set a new standard for high-value convention and education activities in the future.

Speakers included the newly-appointed BC Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology, the Honourable Bruce Ralston, who addressed joint sessions of CBAA and ADSE to leaders in aviation community, including Steven J. Brown, COO of the NBAA and Craig Richmond, President and CEO of the Vancouver Airport Authority, YVR, among others.

Session highlights included Denis Guindon, Director Civil Aviation, Transport Canada and Rudy Kellar, EVP, Nav Canada who not only provided updates on their current activities but also focussed on answering delegates questions and concerns. The same was true of CBAA’s first Airport Panel, with senior representatives of the Canadian Airports Council, two global hubs (Vancouver and Toronto), and two smaller international airports (Abbotsford and, Region of Waterloo) discussing ways BA and airports should work together to answer challenges and build lasting relationships.

SMEs provided key knowledge to build operational expertise and a competitive edge. Renown speakers included Dr. Antonio Cortés of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Eric Gray, World Fuel and Steve Cash, the Talus Group among many others.

Specially-designed sessions aimed at dealing with Canadian operational issues were also on tap, providing how-to’s on CBAA’s RMS/SMS, regulatory and operational questions, ADS-B, and more.

Our launch of two certified Professional Development courses aimed at 604 Canadian operations including Canada’s first ever Certified Aviation Management course, was a success and bodes well for similar programming in the future.

Finally, our social networking soared, with over $25,000 raised at our Charity Golf Tournament for Hope Air and our sold-out unforgettable experience at the CBAA Chalet at the Abbotsford Airshow Twilight extravaganza!

With over 400 members located in every province and territory, the CBAA is the voice of Canada’s $12.1 billion business aviation community.

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