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An Overview On 2014 INTAVIC Conference*

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Abstract. In this study, The Second International Civil Aviation Conference held on 16 April 2015 in Ankara by Turkish Aeronautical Association (UTAA) will be described.

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Conference Notes

9th The International Civil Aviation Conference (INTAVIC) has held in Ankara, capital of Turkey, since on 7th December 2012. The conference is organized by University of Turkish Aeronautical Association (UTAA) at Etimesgut campus of the university. Conference has brought together academics and researchers from national and international universities and also military.

The conference was held second times so far. Each conference has unique theme and the last conference was on “airport terminal operating companies”. Conference has just lasted one day and had four breaks consisting coffee and lunch. In the conference, first, opening remarks is made by head of Directorate General of Civil aviation (DGCA) and Directorate General of State Airports Authority (SAA) of Turkey. Then, managers of terminal operating companies which are operating big airport terminals of Turkey, took place in conference and after they presented their business, was made a discussion on future of terminal operations.

Following the discussion, it was passed on to proceeding presentation simultaneous sessions. There were eight sessions and each one has a theme. Sessions are realized in classrooms of Faculty of Aeronautical and Space Science at university and they were about “Human Resource Management in Aviation, Aviation Marketing, Airport Management, Aviation Management: Modeling and Estimation, Traffic Services and Air Space Management, Aviation Maintenance and Safety Management, Logistic Management in Aviation and Cross-Cutting Themes in the Aviation and Aerospace Industries”.

In this conference, you can find most of researchers, academics and private sector representatives from aviation community and you can have a chance to communicate with them.

In the conference, there were about 250 people and 34 presentations were realized in eight sessions. In “Logistic Management in Aviation” were presented proceedings about e-commerce, competition and intermodal

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transportation. Head of session was very wise and he made clear criticism for authors to them develop their academic works for paper.

Conference has good sides and disadvantages. One of good sides is to be published all works in proceeding book. Another advantage of conference is it's advisory group from all of big private business managers as Sani Şener, is CEO in TAV Airport. It has increased quality of conference. One of disadvantage is that conference has not any journal to publish well papers. Another disadvantage is transportation. Transportation of conference was some poor due to that Etimesgut campus is far away city center. So, it was one option to reach conference. There was same situation about coming back to the city center. So it was hard for any participant. Although university provided services for participants, services were full too much and they didn't go to the city center exactly.

As a result, International Civil Aviation Conference, is the first and only in Turkey, is a good conference for people from aviation in terms of evaluating their researches. If demand for this conference increase, so, it will be occurred better scientific works and this will contribute development of civil aviation.



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