

The Establishment of CARSAMPAF

This presentation is to let you know who established and how was born the CARSAM Regional Committee for Bird wildlife Hazard prevention, better known as CARSAMPAF. The number of birdstrike with aircraft began to grow progressively due, specially, to the increasing speed of aircraft through the ages, and the decreasing noise of the engines as a result of the improvement in technology. Therefore, the dilemma was to avoid, as far as possible, the growth rate of birdstrike.

This issue acquired relevance in the Region, with the realization of the "Bird hazard reduction Seminar held in Santiago, Chile, in March of 1993, and the Seminar on Birdstrike Hazard, Environmental Protection and Use of the Lands in the Airports of the NAM/CAR/SAM regions, held in Miami, United States, April of 2001.

Later on, in consecutive meetings of the AGA/AOP/SG GREPECAS Subgroup, Working Papers were presented for the establishment of Birdstrike hazard CAR/SAM Regional Committee.

At the beginning, an Interim Board of Directors was designated and then during the International Conference on the subject, held in Santiago, Chile in October of 2003, the election of the first Board was carried out, and as a result the CARSAMPAF Regional Committee was officially established.

This first Board was composed as follows: President, Panama, Mr. Esteban Godinez. Vice-president, Argentina, Mr. Juan Carlos Romero. Secretary Chile, Mr. Roberto Cardoza. Also seven Group Coordinators were designated in specific areas.

During the Fifth International Conference carried out in Guayaquil, Ecuador, in October of 2007, an election of the new Board of Directors was made, at present, in active duty. This Board is composed as follows: President Mr. Roberto Cardoza from Chile, Vice-president Mr. Carlos Fabián Bustos from Argentina and Secretary Mr. José Miguel Martínez from Chile, plus ten Group Coordinators in the different areas of the Regional Committee.

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