



Opening remarks
by the Director General of Hermes - Air Transport Organisation at the reception held
by Hermes during the 2019 IATA AGM
(Seoul, South Korea - 1 June 2019)

Dear Hermes members,

I would like to thank you for attending as I know that you all have busy schedules.

I would like to share the latest developments of Hermes - Air Transport Organisation. As some of you already know from last year Hermes has become an organisation.

Our role and strategy is to interact more closely with the key stakeholders. In our effort to achieve its goal Hermes signed a series of MoU and MoC with different key players such as AACO, ERA, ALTA and today we signed an MoU with AFRAA. We also signed an MoU with Mozarteum last May when we had in Athens the Hermes AGM and Leaders Forum. We had the opportunity to have all the major leaders and executives of IATA, IACO and ACI.

Last month we had a change in the Board of Directors member composition and Jeff Poole is the new president and Luis Felipe de Oliveira, who is standing next to me, joined us as a new BoD member after the approval by AGM.

Based on our by-laws registered in Canada Hermes members have to attend the AGM which is held every year in Athens. I would like more and more interaction because as I have said we are an organisation of individuals, members do not represent their organisations, so it is important that you contribute.

Our strategy apart from signing MoUs is to come up with recommendations on different issues concerning air transport. We do not have the power to change aviation but we can influence and lobby through interacting with all of you to make things happen. We started last year, 2018, with recommendations focused on "Ownership and Control of Airlines" and we continued this year with "Education and Performance in Aviation". We have had a very good outcome thanks to the participation of different stakeholders and I would like to thank IATA and all of you for participating both years.

I would like to thank Hahn Air for sponsoring this reception and finally all of you for being here.

I have the pleasure to give the floor to Felipe, the new member of Hermes Board.

Thank you.