

# Editorial

## **Containing a Welcome to a New Member of the Board of Editors, a Goodbye to the Former Members of the Panel of Contributing Advisors and the Case Law Committee, and a Welcome to the Members of the New International Panel**

We start the year 2012 with a number of important changes that are aimed to further enhance the quality of our Journal.

First, we are very happy to welcome *Brian F Havel* as a member of the Board of Editors.

Brian is Distinguished Research Professor of Law, Director of the International Aviation Law Institute, and Director of the International and Comparative Law Program at DePaul University College of Law in Chicago. He has shown his depth of knowledge of air law in an impressive number of publications, among which we should mention two important books on international aviation law and policy, his *In Search of Open Skies* (Kluwer, 1997) and the more recent *Beyond Open Skies* (Kluwer, 2009), focusing in particular on EU-US aviation relations. The Board of Editors already benefitted for more than five years from Brian's input as a member of the Panel of Contributing Advisors. We are delighted to intensify our cooperation with him in his new position of member of our Board.

Then, the Board of Editors and the publisher have recently reassessed their views and expectations on the responsibilities of the various persons involved with *Air & Space Law* and have concluded that it is time for a restructuring. We have therefore decided to dissolve both the 'Panel of Contributing Advisors' and the 'Case Law Committee'. We wish to thank the colleagues concerned, who, as members of those bodies, contributed to *Air & Space Law*, for supporting and assisting us in preserving the quality of our Journal, and we continue to welcome their comments, advice, and enlightened criticism – and their articles!

At the same time, it was decided to set up a new body called the *International Panel* comprising new members from around the world.

The members of the Panel have been asked to regularly contribute to *Air & Space Law* with articles, case notes, comments, or book reviews on important aviation or space law developments in their country or region of practice, which may be of interest to practitioners, educators, or government bodies in the

worldwide aviation and space law community. They are ‘fit, able, and willing’ to do so.

As a result, we now warmly welcome the following experts as members of the International Panel:

- *Deborah Elsasser*, Senior Counsel, Clyde & Co US LLP, New York, US.
- *JonPeter F Kelly*, General Attorney, Delta Airlines Inc., Atlanta, US.
- *Maria Regina Lynch*, Senior Partner Motta, Fernandes Rocha Advogados, Rio de Janeiro/São Paulo, Brazil.
- *Anna Masutti*, Professor of Air Law, University of Bologna, Italy.
- *Ulrich Steppeler*, Partner Arnecke Siebold, Frankfurt Office, Germany.
- *Alan Khee-Jin Tan*, Professor of Aviation Law, National University of Singapore.

The Board of Editors looks forward to working with the above new colleagues and is confident that the readers will benefit from this cooperation.

*Peter van Fenema*