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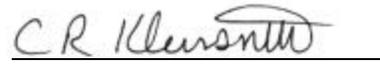
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**Welcome** to the first edition of the International Aeromedical Training Newsletter. The purpose of this currently electronic transmission is to update all stakeholders of the training that takes place at USAFSAM for international students. This medium will also serve to document the actions of the newly established International Aeromedical Training Corporate Board that met for the historic, first-ever gathering at the AsMA meeting in Montreal. I would also like to welcome any of your input to this document for inclusion to the next edition.

  
Col CR Kleinsmith, Editor

## International Aeromedical Training Corporate Board Meets for the First Time, 7 May 02, Montreal Canada



Lobby, prelecture, AsMA conference, Montreal

The first meeting was attended by 35 senior aeromedical leaders, AAMIMO students and alumni, educators and interested parties. Welcome remarks were rendered by Col Tom Travis, USAFSAM Commander and the 311th HSW Commander, BGen Lloyd E. Dodd, Jr. The group was supplied with an agenda which covered the current international training initiatives at USAFSAM, the proposal for the establishment of a corporate board and future international training initiatives. These initiatives include the increased availability of international training slots recently opened in courses such as Team Aerospace Operational Solutions, Critical Care Air Transport Team and Expeditionary Medical Systems. If you either attended or are interested in participation on this Corporate Board, please email [Chris.Kleinsmith@brooks.af.mil](mailto:Chris.Kleinsmith@brooks.af.mil) for the meeting minutes and future details.

## AAMIMO 02 Class Graduates

A few new pages in AAMIMO history were written this past June at the graduation ceremony. The class selected their instructors of the year who were recognized and awarded commemorative plaques. Mr Bill Thompson, USAFSAM/ FEC and Lt Col (s) Don Christensen were selected as this year's winners. Also for the first time ever, the AAMIMO class Prop Wash Award was given. This award has been fashioned after the USAF Test



Instructors of the Year: Mr Bill Thompson and Col (s) Don Christensen



Sqn Ldr Pankaj Pant receiving Prop Wash Award from Col Kleinsmith

Pilot School Onizuka Prop Wash Award. The award is given to the AAMIMO who most positively contributed to the morale and well being of this year's class. It was a very close contest as all

of the members of this AAMIMO class were such positive influences in so many ways. This year the AAMIMO Prop Wash Award goes to Sqn Ldr Pankaj Pant of the Indian Air Force. All of the AAMIMO graduates are to be congratulated on their successful work on the aeromedical country briefs and the scientific projects. Many faculty evaluators had comments such as "best ever" and "excellent" on the evaluation forms. Plans are now being made for next year's AAMIMO class to present at AsMA. The next newsletter will have details regarding the new and improved AAMIMO curriculum.

## First ever International Graduates of Bioenvironmental Engineering Officers course

It is the pleasure of USAFSAM to announce the extremely successful completion of the Bioenvironmental Engineering Officers Course by two officers from the Greek Air Force. Capt Elias Manolis and Capt Ioannis Karamaniolas completed the four-month course with "flying colors." Their interaction with the class was extremely positive. "We learned as much from them," Maj Jay Vietas, course director, was quoted as saying. There are two more Greek officers slated to attend the next officers' course as well.



Capt Manolis and Capt Karamaniolas, two Greek Air Force bioenvironmental engineering students

## AMP Graduates in 3s

Thirteen new International Flight Surgeons are wearing their brand new wings proudly. With three graduates from the Netherlands and three graduates from Egypt, this class was one of the best according to "AMP Daddy" Col (Dr) Hadley Reed. This recent class will be the last that is curtailed due to confusion regarding survival training.



AMP graduates with Col Reed (AMP Daddy), Col Farrell and Col Travis

*"In today's world, developing medical partnerships with other countries is critical if we are to ensure healthcare around the world for our citizens and anyone in need. To save lives in disasters, medical care must arrive quickly, yet no one country can be everywhere. Only through partnerships of shared concepts, training, equipment, and communication can we truly respond to any medical crisis anywhere in the world."*

*Lt Gen P.K. Carlton  
Surgeon General, United States Air Force*



Col Kleinsmith with the AAMIMO class in the operating room aboard the USS Constellation

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## Did you know?

⇒ That as graduates or alumni of the AMP or AAMIMO training in accordance with Article II #5 of the bylaws of the Society of USAF Flight Surgeons, you are qualified as an associate member? Interested... see the website at [www.sousaffs.org](http://www.sousaffs.org).

⇒ That all the courses at USAFSAM are open to international attendance. Please contact your embassy's security assistance officer or SAO for more details regarding attendance or details.

## AAMIMO participation in Curriculum and Informational Program Trips



AAMIMO 02 Class, USAFSAM Commander, Col Tom Travis, Course Supervisor, Col Christopher Kleinsmith visiting Kennedy Space Center, Florida, launch site



AAMIMO 02 Class, Mr Lisac, Col Kleinsmith stand on the deck of the USS Constellation or "Connie" with the SMO or Senior Medical Officer, LCDR Brad Smith



AAMIMO 02 Class laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier