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There are 2-3 meetings a year about flight safety issues organised by the Icelandic Aero Club of Iceland in cooperation with the Icelandic CAA and the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board. The last "Safety" meeting was held in Reykjavík a month ago where safety issues and the "last years" accidents were openly discussed as always. All kind of pilots attend these meetings. There have been no serious accident in Iceland the last year and no fatalities in aeroplanes registered in Iceland the last 8 years and that is something we want to continue.

As of January 2007 the Icelandic CAA was divided into two separated organisations. One which carries out civil aviation regulatory tasks and safety inspections, the other carries out functions as a service provider. The name of the two organisations are The Icelandic Civil Aviation Administration (Flugmálastjórn Íslands) and ISAVIA (Flugstoðir). ISAVIA operates all airports in Iceland except Keflavik Airport (BIKF). It provides air navigation services and is responsible for ATS services to the Icelandic ATC area which accommodates about 30% of the international traffic crossing the North Atlantic Area.

The Icelandic CAA will comply totally with the EASA regulations on aeromedical issues and AME'S started last month examinations after the new EASA schedule.

At Akureyri airport (BIAR) has been founded a very ambitious flight museum that will cover the flight history of Iceland.

There is a battle going on about the Reykjavik airport (BIRK) that the British build in the WWII (on 6 June 1946, the Icelanders took over (friendly!) control of the airport) and has served us since and some years ago there was an election about the airport in the capital and marginal majority of those who voted, voted against it but participation was only about 30% . Those who don't understand the necessity (and beauty) of the airport for both the inhabitants in Reykjavik and those living in the countryside want to use the land as a building area. It would be very bad for the flying community in the capital and Iceland if that happens.

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