

Biography Information

Speaker's Name:

Mr. Thomas Buchanan

Affiliation/Company:

Skyguide, Switzerland

Title/Position:

Head of International Affairs and Corporate Compliance Manager



Brief Biography of Speaker:

Thomas Buchanan started working in the early 90' as an air traffic controller cadet for the Tower and Approach for Geneva airport. Close before completing his training, a new orientation opened up and he could work for the Swiss Civil Aviation Authority in the ATM related domains. A personal opportunity allowed Thomas Buchanan to rejoin the Swiss Air Navigation Services Provider as Head of the Instrument Flight Procedures Office – making the design of the flight procedures into and from all the Swiss airports and into the air traffic sectors. Within the scope of that job, he could join the ICAO Obstacle Clearance Panel as advisor, later as Member representing the ABIS (Austria, Benelux, Ireland, Switzerland and Portugal) grouping. Between 2006 and 2009, he chaired the Instrument Flight Procedures Panel (IFPP), follower of the OCP. This function allowed him to get accustomed to the ICAO working framework.

In 2006, Mr Buchanan moved from the Operational unit into the Corporate Development entity of skyguide. He worked as International Relations expert, deputy head of International Relations, acting head of unit and thereafter as Head of International Affairs and Corporate Strategy. Since 2011, he is the Head of International Affairs and Corporate Compliance Manager for skyguide.

This role and the international relations network set up over the year ideally positioned him as one of the Virtual Centre designers of skyguide. It is this concept that will be presented in the topic Air Navigation Services and Best Practices.