

# Media Release

## Airports Council International and Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile to offer Advanced Master's Degree in Airport Management



(from left) Angela Gittens, Director General, ACI World and Marc Houalla, President, Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile sign an MoU for cooperation on the launch of the Advanced Master's Degree in Airport Management

**Montreal, 7 March 2016** – Airports Council International (ACI) and Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile (ENAC) have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation on the launch of an advanced aviation training programme, the Advanced Master's Degree in Airport Management, aimed at developing the next generation of airport professionals. The signing, which took place today at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel during ACI's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Airport Economics and Finance Conference, marks the first time that ACI will partner with a university to offer an airport management degree.

As part of the agreement, ACI will use its extensive network of airport members to provide expert instructors for the course, which will cover key areas of the airport business such as airport revenue generation; financial and managerial accounting for airports; airport team and human resource management; business aviation; airport crisis management; airport security and facilitation; airport

terminal and landside operations; and airport master planning. In turn, ENAC, founded in 1949 in Paris-Orly, and internationally recognized as a leader in the field of aviation management education, will take advantage of its considerable academic and organizational experience to deliver this unique Master's level course.

"ACI, through the hard work of its Global Training department, is committed to educating the next generation of airport professionals through in-class and online courses that cover all aspects of airport management and operation," noted Angela Gittens, Director General, ACI World. "Our partnership with Ecole Nationale de l'Aviation Civile represents a next step in ensuring that we continue to offer quality educational options for airport professionals. Moreover, ENAC's status as a premier venue for aviation training, coupled with the advanced nature of the degree, sends the clear message that a career in the airport industry is a challenging pursuit that can bring lifelong rewards."

"This educational partnership will help to develop the next generation of senior airport professionals," said Marc Houalla, President, ENAC. "We welcome the opportunity to join forces with ACI and are excited at the prospect of helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the airport industry through this joint initiative."

The Advanced Master Degree in Airport Management combines operational expertise and comprehensive academic rigor. Working aviation professionals worldwide are encouraged to find out about the qualifying criteria by contacting ACI's Global Training department at [training@aci.aero](mailto:training@aci.aero) or +1-514-373-1200.

#### **Notes for editors**

1. Airports Council International, the trade association of the world's airports, was founded in 1991 with the objective of fostering cooperation among its member airports and other partners in world aviation, including the International Civil Aviation Organization, the International Air Transport Association and the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation. In representing the best interests of airports during key phases of policy development, ACI makes a significant contribution toward ensuring a global air transport system that is safe, secure, efficient and environmentally sustainable. To learn more about ACI, please click [here](#).
2. ENAC is internationally recognized as the leading aeronautical university in Europe, providing a broad range of aeronautical and civil aviation training and research. A wholly-owned university under the Direction Générale de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC), ENAC provides a complete range of 32 higher education programs from Bachelor up to Ph.D. degrees, including Master of Science, Technical Advanced Master and Master of Business Administration degrees. To learn more, please click [here](#).
3. For more information on ACI's Global Training department, or to learn more about the new Advanced Master's Degree in Airport Management offered by ACI and ENAC, please click [here](#).

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