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Newsletter for Aviation Campaigners across Europe

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European Aviation Campaigners' Conference: 22nd June near Munich

An International Conference for Aviation Campaigners will be held on Saturday 22nd June just outside Munich. It is being organized by the campaigners against the third runway at Munich Airport. But it is not just for German people. Campaigners from all over Europe are expected to attend. It has an exciting agenda which will be of interest to all campaigners. You will find the agenda below.

The conference will be held in Attaching, a small town close to Munich Airport and a short train ride from Munich. Accommodation will be available in Attaching or Munich. For more information contact Florian Sperk – florian.sperk@posteo.de

Conference Agenda

Friday, 21st June:

17:00 to 19:00: **Arrival, dinner and a chance to get together**

Saturday, 22nd June:

Coffee and Pretzels

11:00 – 11:15 Greetings by the **Mayor of Freising, Tobias Eschenbacher**

11:15 – 12:00 **Noise & Night Flight Ban** by **Dr. Michael Wilk (Activist)**

12:15 – 13:00 **Air Pollution & Health** by **Dr. Krenzer**

13:00 – 13:45 Lunch

14:15 – 15:00 **More Tax on Tickets!** by **Alexander Mahler (FÖS)**

15:15 - 16:00 **How Heathrow was won!** by **John Stewart (AirportWatch):**

16:15 – 17:30 Coffee and a chance to hear about airport protests across Europe

17:30 – 18:00 Declaration of Solidarity

18:15 – 19:00 **How Munich was won!** by **Dr. Christine Margraf (Friends of the Earth Bavaria)**

The day will not just be talks! After each talk there will be a lot of opportunity for discussion. And the chance to talk about future campaigns

Put the date in your diary!

Nantes Campaigners aim for 100,000 at Protest

The campaigners against the planned new airport at Notre-Dames-des-Landes, outside Nantes in South West France, are aiming to attract 100,000 people to their protest on 11th May. This would make it almost certainly the biggest protest ever seen against airport expansion in Europe.

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Last November a huge protest attracted 40,000 people. On 11th May coaches of people from all over Europe are expected to attend the protest. Campaigners will be asked to form a human chain around the area of the proposed airport. For further information contact www.chaine-humaine-stop-aeroport.org/fr/contact.html



Frankfurt Protest has lasted 18 months



It is 18 months since the fourth runway was opened by Angela Merkel in Frankfurt. Virtually every Monday night since then up to 5,000 people have occupied the terminal in protest against the impact of the new runway on residents. They have already toppled the Mayor of Frankfurt. They now aim to influence the elections later this year when the German people go to the polls to elect both national government and regional governments. Their demand remains the same: *Die bahn muss weg* (the runway must go).

Ban Night Flights!



For most people living under a flight path night flights are the biggest problem. Some airports in Europe have restrictions on night flights. Other airports, like Charles de Gaulle, have no restrictions. At its Annual Meeting in Brussels at the end of March UECNA members decided that a campaign to ban night flights at European airports would be their main priority this year. Over the next few months UECNA will be producing a lot of information about night flights. This information will be made available to campaigners across Europe. UECNA will also be publishing a petition. And, of course, there will be an opportunity to talk about a night flights campaign at the European Conference in Munich in June.

Please let us know if you or your organisation would be interested in taking part in a Europe-wide campaign to ban night flights?

Email johnstewart2@btconnect.com



Night Flights Reduced at Schiphol

Night flights have been reduced at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. They have been cut from 32,000 a year to 29,000. Schiphol Airport has got an agreement with the communities under the flight paths called the Alders Agreement. It allows for some growth at the airport but only within strict environmental limits. In order to remain within these limits the number of night flights had to be cut.

Tell us your news!

Each newsletter will have a section about what is happening in the different campaigns in the different countries around Europe.

- Let us know what is happening at your airports
- Send us information about events you are holding or campaigns you are doing
- Tell us about your successes.....and failures!
- Make this newsletter a real exchange of information

Also send your material to the UECNA website: www.uecna.eu email JP Pago on jp.pago@free.fr

Campaigning and Information Sheets
UECNA has published short campaigning and briefing sheets to assist organizations with their campaigning:
<http://www.uecna.eu/sip.php?article161>

If you want to be able to track the flight paths in your area, UECNA can help. Look at www.dfld.de or email Horst Weise on mail@DFLD.de

Two very useful websites:

- Transport and Environment (T & E): <http://www.transportenvironment.org/>
- European Environmental Bureau (EEB): <http://www.eeb.org/>

Two sites which show you whether your airport and the airlines using it is losing or gaining passengers:

<http://www.anna.aero/european-airline-traffic-trends/>

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If you have videos you want to share, email them to johnstewart2@btconnect.com

This newsletter has been published by UECNA. We are a network of airport community campaign groups across Europe. Our main concern is the noise for residents living around the airports and under the flight paths. We have regular meetings, organize conferences and take part in marches, demonstrations and other visible activities. We also lobby the European Parliament and the European Commission. To find out more visit our website: www.uecna.eu If your group is interested in joining UECNA, email johnstewart2@btconnect.com