

Press Release

Zurich Airport becomes Eurocontrol A-CDM airport

Connection between NMOC and Zurich Airport in operation

Braunschweig, Germany, September 2013 - Since August 19th Zurich Airport is connected to NMOC (Network Management Operations Centre) of Eurocontrol and is exchanging DPI messages in daily operation. Now, after ten years of development and operational use of CDM processes at the airport, Zurich has now also become an A-CDM airport according to Eurocontrol definition.

An important component of the A-CDM solution at Zurich Airport is the departure management system *darts* of *delair* that generates an optimal departure sequence and thus TTOT, TSAT and now also DPI times. As part of the A-CDM activities *darts* was connected with NMOC so that messages are directly exchanged between these systems.

“With the start of operation of *darts* in 2003 we already established local CDM that coordinates and optimizes the relevant air traffic processes. Connecting NMOC and the local CDM now allows us to realize a comprehensive European A-CDM. We expect an improvement of local processes with this step but also improvements in the European airspace”, says Andreas Gammel, head procedures and systems flight operations.

Dietmar Dippe, managing director of *delair*, adds: “Since many years our CDM solutions are generating quantifiable benefits in air traffic operations but also in environmental protection. With the connection to NMOC it has now been demonstrated that the A-CDM requirements of Eurocontrol are also completely fulfilled. This is an important and consequent development also for us.”

delair is presenting *darts* in combination with the *arosa de-icing* planning as it is used in Zurich at the **Inter Airport Europe** (October 8th to 11th), stand 1434 in hall 5.

At **WinterOps Canada** conference in Vancouver (October 9th to 10th), *delair* presents a case study based on Zurich Airport de-icing, following their impressive record results last winter.

About *delair*:

delair Air Traffic Systems GmbH is based at the Research Airport Braunschweig providing consulting services to improve airport process management and develops systems to optimize processes of air traffic control, airport operators, airlines, and handling agents. The solutions by *delair* are in operation at airports of different sizes like the international hubs in Frankfurt and Zurich, the smaller sized airport of Frankfurt-Hahn as well as at regional airports in Germany. At these airports considerable improvements of airport processes lead to cost savings and, due to fuel savings and lower emissions, to positive environmental effects.

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