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The History of Interagency Aviation Training 2000

In an effort to curb redundancy of aviation training and high costs associated with hosting and traveling to training, the Interagency Aviation Training and Qualifications Working Team (IATQWT) was chartered in 1996. The working team reviewed existing training courses and available subject matter. With this information, 16 aviation positions were identified and 36 training modules were developed. Ultimately, the program will produce 36 training modules that will be available in a format to meet everyone's needs. The first step is to produce a standardized and comprehensive lesson plan and PowerPoint presentation that may be utilized by qualified instructors for the traditional stand up presentation. Of the 36 modules 23 have been designated to be Web-based modules, which will ultimately be available on an Internet Web site. The IATQWT reports to the Aviation Management Council, composed of the USFS Assistant Director of Aviation (Bob Martin) and the Director of OAS (Elmer Hurd).

ACE (Aviation Conference and Education)

Three Aviation Conference and Education (ACE) seminars were held this year in New Orleans, Phoenix, and Anchorage. The ACE's marked the beginning of the implementation of the Interagency Aviation Training 2000 program. Of the 36 Interagency Aviation Training 2000 modules, 22 were offered at the ACE. New lesson plans based on the Aviation Training Course Catalogue were presented and evaluated at the ACE's. Feedback from the attendees and instructors provided valuable information that will be used to refine module content. A prototype of the on-line registration process that will eventually be used for all Interagency Aviation Training 2000 modules was used for each ACE (see following article). Each ACE also offered a general session, which featured notable guest speakers including NTSB Board Member John Goglia and U.S. Air Force survival expert Sgt. Kevin Wagner. Agencies represented at the ACEs included BLM, BIA, NPS, USGS, FWS, OSM, MMS, USFS, Department of Defense, several states, and Canadian provinces. The attendees gave the ACE overwhelmingly positive reviews.

On-Line Module Registration

The ACE offered the opportunity to test and prototype an on-line registration system. The system was designed to be user-friendly providing ACE attendee's all the information they would need to register to attend an ACE. The registration page provided the following information:

- Class schedules
- Module descriptions
- Guidance on courses to attend based on the student's position and aviation responsibilities
- Instructor information
- Lodging information and on-line reservations
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Attendees received a "personalized" agenda based on the registration information that they provided. The attendees provided positive feedback on the "ease of use" and "one stop shopping" concept of the ACE registration.

A-101 Basic Aviation Safety

The Basic Aviation Safety Module (A-101) began a beta-test of the on-line version May 9, 2000. This is the first of the Web-based modules that will be beta tested on a password-protected Internet site. The evaluation period will continue until May 23rd. Evaluation forms were distributed to 100 individuals in the DOI and U.S. Forest Service. The module is being evaluated on educational content as well as ease of use on a variety of computer platforms and browsers. Once the evaluations are completed the responses will be reviewed and resulting recommendations will be presented to the contractor for revisions. Early indicators point to a favorable response. Stay tuned for more information. A-106, Aviation Mishap Reporting, and A-110, Aviation Transportation of Hazardous Materials, are scheduled for initial beta testing in June.

S-217 Revision

The Helicopter Training-working group under the direction of the Interagency Helicopter Operations Steering Committee (IHOP) is making progress on the revision to the S-217 course. Seventeen of the 36 Aviation 2000 modules will comprise the new S-217. Les Herman, Chair of the working group, is revising and reviewing lesson plans. **Les is seeking updated/current digital photographs** as j-peg files for use as visual support for the lesson plans. Contact les_herman@oas.gov or (208) 387-5813 for a complete shoot list.

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