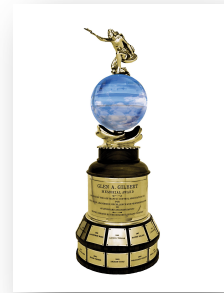


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ATCA Honors Patrick Ky as Recipient of 2013 Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award Air Traffic's Top Award to SESAR JU's Executive Director

June 19, 2013 / Alexandria, Va. – The Air Traffic Control Association (ATCA) is proud to announce **Patrick Ky**, Executive Director, SESAR Joint Undertaking, as its 2013 Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award winner. With more than 21 years in civil aviation and experience at the French Civil Aviation Authority and the European Commission, Ky currently leads the SESAR Joint Undertaking – Europe's air traffic management modernization program. Ky will be honored at the Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award Banquet (www.atca.org/KyGilbertAward) the evening of **October 23, 2013**.



"I've watched Patrick over the last 20 years develop and become the advocate of innovation and change in air traffic control, taking the difficult stages of SESAR and executing them well and under very challenging circumstances. ATCA has chosen the perfect candidate for this award."

– Neil Planzer, ATCA Chairman-Elect and former Glen A. Gilbert winner

"I am extremely honored to have received this prestigious award. Even more so given that I am awarded for something that I remain so committed to – you cannot lead where you do not go. The transformation to SESAR is a milestone in aviation history and I have immense pride that I have been able to be part of that journey."

– Patrick Ky, Executive Director, SESAR Joint Undertaking

About Mr. Ky

Patrick Ky was appointed Executive Director of the SESAR Joint Undertaking in October 2007. Since then, Ky has driven the set-up and execution of SESAR, Europe's ambitious air traffic management modernization program. One of his main priorities is the inclusion of all relevant air transport actors in this public-private partnership. As a result, more than 2,000 experts from 80 companies in Europe and worldwide are actively contributing to the 300 projects of the SESAR work program. Prior to SESAR, Ky held managerial positions in organizations including the French Civil Aviation Authority, Eurocontrol, and the European Commission.

Praise for Ky's Accomplishments

"Patrick Ky has been the driving force behind the SESAR Joint Undertaking from the very beginning. It is thanks to Patrick's leadership that his team has been able to deliver such impressive results – making the organization an indispensable player in modernizing Europe's ATM infrastructure. SESAR is making a valuable contribution to not only the Single European Sky but also to the European economy as a whole. Under Patrick's mandate, the SESAR program has seen the expansion of partners and he has helped the aviation community understand that SESAR simply makes good business sense. I am delighted that this prestigious award confirms that his work and commitment should be recognized."

– Siim Kallas, Vice President, European Commission

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"ICAO congratulates Patrick, on receiving the prestigious ATCA Glen Gilbert award. Through his leadership, SESAR brought all the European aviation players to the table to develop a way forward to serve European needs, which provided one of the key foundations for the ICAO Global Air Navigation Plan and the development of the aviation system block upgrades. These plans will serve global aviation for many years to come. Patrick's personal commitment to aviation is clear and this award is well deserved."

– Nancy Graham, Director, Air Navigation Bureau, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

"Many people in the aviation industry now appreciate the scale and complexity of the SESAR project but I am not so sure many recognize the huge management challenges that have been faced. Patrick has steered SESAR through some very difficult, highly political, and even contentious issues – but always with a strong professional and personal touch. The Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Award is a fitting and timely recognition of this as Patrick moves forward in his career."

– Jeff Poole, Director General, Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO)

Attending the Banquet

The Glen A. Gilbert Memorial Banquet serves as the capstone to the ATCA 58th Annual Conference & Exposition. The award is ATCA's highest honor and one of the premier awards in aviation. Honoring the outstanding, long-term achievement of an individual in the field of aviation, the award is named after Glen A. Gilbert (1913 – 1982), the "father of air traffic control" and writer of the first air traffic control manual. Previous winners include former FAA Administrators: The Hon. Jane Garvey and The Hon. Najeeb Halaby; Captain Elrey B. Jeppesen; and Pilot A. Scott Crossfield. The award trophy is displayed at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. A full list of past recipients can be found at www.atca.org/GlenGilbert.

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The Air Traffic Control Association (www.ATCA.org) is dedicated to the progress and safety of air traffic control and works to advance the technology and professionalism of the industry. Founded in 1956 by a group of air traffic controllers, ATCA serves nearly 3,000 members from throughout the world—individual air traffic controllers as well as aviation associations, educational institutions, the government and military, and companies managing and providing equipment and services in the aviation community.

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