

# 2014 Winners

## **NOT ONE, BUT TWO IFA SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2014**

IFA is delighted to announce that for 2014 they have awarded two scholarships. After consideration of all the numerous applications it was decided to fund two winners.

### **Ms Margo Marchbank, Section Head Safety Promotion Communication and Managing Editor 'Flight Safety Australia', Civil Aviation Safety Authority**

Margo was delighted to be awarded the scholarship and used her portion of the fund to attend the Airline Engineering and Maintenance Safety Conference held in London in July. Margo remarked that " the conference gave me a very beneficial opportunity to broaden my understanding of SMS and HF in the maintenance/airworthiness world and will directly inform the current work I am doing on promotion of Safety Management System (SMS) awareness and in particular our SMS resource kit, as well as future articles in 'Flight Safety Australia'."

Margo has written a detailed report on the conference which is available for IFA members to read on the members page of the website.

### **Mr Runar Sighvatsson, Airworthiness Inspector, Icelandic Transport Authority.**

Runar works for the Icelandic Transport Authority. In April this year Runar achieved an MSc degree in Aircraft Maintenance Management with distinction undertaken at City University, London and was nominated by Senior Lecturer, Cengiz Turkoglu. Runar's final project at City University was to analyse "Difference between EU and US regulation regarding continuing airworthiness".

The Icelandic Transport Authority were delighted that Runar was awarded the scholarship and have fully co-operated with IFA in asking the FAA for an International Training Agreement to be arranged which will allow Runar to attend the FAA Air Carrier Continuing Analysis and Surveillance System (CASS) course being held in February 2015 in Oklahoma City, USA.



**From Left – Mr. Thorolfur Arnason, Director- General, Icelandic Transport Authority congratulating 2014 Scholarship winner, Mr. Rúnar Sighvatsson, Airworthiness.**

Runar wishes to attend this course in particular as he feels it will give him a better understanding of the FAA system. Part of Runar's responsibilities are to register aircraft on the Icelandic aircraft registry and issue Certificates of Airworthiness following the registration process. Icelandic airlines do not purchase new aircraft but are on the secondhand market. Many of the aircraft that are registered in Iceland, and consequently imported to EU, are formerly US registered. There is a frequent need to review and inspect those imported aircraft

before the issuing of a Certificate of Registration and Certificate of Airworthiness. During the importing process frequently questions arise as to what is acceptable and what is not. Runar feels that these questions can be difficult to answer and commented on his application "By attending this course my understanding of the FAA system would help me to improve my quality of work by understanding better the FAA system. This is not only important to prevent something from being accepted that should not be, but not less importantly not to impose something that is unnecessary on an airline that is importing aircraft due to lack of understanding that in return could have unnecessary financial cost for an airline and cause time delay."

We look forward to reading Runar's report in due course.