



**AGIFORS Schedule and Strategic  
Planning Study Group Meeting**  
**Macau 31May- 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004**  
**Hyatt Macau**

This is the annual AGIFORS Study Group meeting where delegates meet to exchange ideas relating to airline planning. The emphasis is on developing Operations Research techniques and systems to optimise fleet and schedules. OR techniques are also used improve revenues and improve punctuality of proposed flight schedules. The attendees at this annual study group meeting exchange ideas relating to strategic decision making, fleet selection, fleet assignment, route planning, scheduling as well as airspace and airport capacity issues.

**" Challenge of Costs "**

Venue: Hyatt Macau, Macau(SAR) China

**Conference Dates:**

start Monday 31 May @ 0815am

finish 1 June 2004 @ 4pm

Chairman : Ken Wang

**Host**

**Air Macau (NX)**

**Theme**

Despite the destabilising influence of the events of 11<sup>th</sup> Sep 2001 in NYC, Bali bombing, war in Iraq and SARS and Bird Flu, low cost airlines in various parts of the world continues to thrive & challenge the profitability & viability of full service airlines. Some established players are re-engineering their operation into a simpler - back to basics format. Others have increased efforts to widen the service product differentiation between themselves and the low cost carrier for example through the introduction of ultra long haul service with low density seating.

These changes are being made in light of the trend of increasing productivity in sales, reservations and revenue management.

This conference this year will address strategic fleet planning & scheduling problem and but focus on the following issues:

- Simplicity, robustness and optimality
- Schedule recovery
- Achieve profitability with lower yield traffic
- Optimizing fleet mix
- New algorithms for scheduling and planning

Active participation by the attendees of this meeting is necessary for it to be successful. We therefore encourage you to share your ideas with the others in airline OR in the form of a presentation to the group. A soft copy of your presentation should be made available for the meeting and for publication. (Power Point)

*Presentations do not need to describe a completed or implemented work. An update of a long-term project or a discussion of ideas for the future development is often as interesting and useful to the group. [If you are planning to make a presentation please email Ken Wang a short summary \(50 words\) by 22nd April, 2004.](#)*

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#### Provisional Programme

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004

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##### **Morning**

Review

Presentations

Noon Lunch provided at the hotel

Afternoon

Presentations

Dinner

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2004

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##### Morning

Presentations

Study Group Administration Business

Noon Lunch provided at the hotel

Afternoon

Presentations

Summary

Macau

Delegates should arrive in Macau (MFM) by the evening of the 30th May.

The conference fee of US\$ 220 covers costs of meeting facilities e.g. room rental, coffee breaks and lunches and a dinner. To simplify administration as per last year the collection of the conference fees will be done at the conference room on day one 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004 for the 2 days meeting.

Hotel reservation at the Hyatt Regency Macau is the responsibility of the attendees, however we have blocked some rooms for the nights of 30<sup>th</sup> May and also 31<sup>st</sup> May. We have negotiated a very attractive rate per night of HK\$632 (about US\$82, this includes 10% service and 5% tax), this rate is also available for 3 days prior or after the meeting dates but you will have to book before 15 May 2004

So if you intend to go, please hurry and book directly.

**Please make sure you book DIRECTLY with the hotel, attached is the reservations form you should fax directly to the hotel.**

The form will also be available shortly on website ([www.agifors.org](http://www.agifors.org)).

**Remember, if you intend to present a paper, please email a summary to Ken Wang, by 19 April 2004. His email address is [kenwang@attglobal.net](mailto:kenwang@attglobal.net)**