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Cambridge University Press in cooperation with Language Training Centre, Air Force Department and Faculty of Military Technologies, University of Defence, Brno would like to invite you to a training session on Aviation English:

Aviation English – high stakes ESP in a regulated environment
and
Flightpath - a content-based, communicative approach to teaching

When: Thursday 10 May 2012, 14:00 – 16:00

Where: Síň vědecké rady Univerzity Obrany, Kounicova 65, Brno

Speaker: Philip Shawcross

Session 1: Aviation English – high stakes ESP in a regulated environment

The introduction of the ICAO Language Proficiency Requirements in 2003 created in aviation a unique and demanding context for language teaching and testing. Aviation English teaching became part of a wider safety-driven process which had high stakes in human, ethical, regulatory, professional and economic terms. These demands challenge the way in which ESP has often been conceived and the level of expertise required of teachers. However, they also provide an opportunity to be innovative about the design, content and delivery of courses, as well as the criteria of what is relevant for the students. Far from being restricted to aviation, this may result in models that also have their application in other areas of ESP.

Session 2: *Flightpath* - a content-based, communicative approach to teaching

Flightpath is an aviation English course which has its roots in experience of the operational world. It was written to assist pilots and air traffic controllers achieve the communicative proficiency at a robust ICAO Level 4 to 5 which is required to handle safely and effectively unexpected situations for which standard phraseology is insufficient. The content which forms the basis of all the exercises is taken from operational and safety materials which are of intrinsic interest to the students. The focus of the Language Proficiency Requirements, in which oral interaction is the goal, has led to vocabulary, grammar and syntax being treated holistically as communicative activities. The very specific nature of the content made a thoroughly supportive *Teacher's Book* and on-line materials a must.

Download free sample material from www.cambridge.org/elt/flightpath

About the speaker:

Philip Shawcross has worked in aviation since 1972 when he joined the Airbus training centre in Toulouse where he taught English to instructors and pilots. He has worked as an aviation language teacher, courseware developer, teacher trainer and consultant at Airbus, Air France and many airlines, civil and military training centres and technical colleges worldwide. His two-volume **English for Aircraft** was published by Editions Belin in 1992-3. He is the creator of **docWise** (1996-1998), a CBT program for understanding and using aircraft maintenance documentation (www.bwise2.co.uk), and led an international team developing web-based pilot and air traffic controller language training material for Aviation English Services (2005-2007). He is co-founder and the current president of **ICAEA** (International Civil Aviation English Association www.icaea.pansa.pl) and works closely on Language Proficiency Requirement implementation issues with ICAO, the United Nations aviation agency. He also works as a test item writer for Cambridge ESOL and is the author of **Flightpath** (2011), an aviation English course and website (www.cambridge.org/elt/flightpath) for pilots and controllers published by **Cambridge University Press**. Since 2005 Philip has lived in the Suffolk countryside near Cambridge.

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