Important operational changes at Madrid-Barajas (LEMD)

On behalf of SEPLA, please take the following advisory into consideration:

Changes in magnetic variation have prompted a decision by the Spanish Authorities to change some of the runway designations at Madrid-Barajas. Whilst runways 18L/36R and 18R/36L will remain unaffected, runway 15R/33L will be changed to 14R/32L, and runway 15L/33R will be changed to 14L/32R.

The Authorities have concluded that 20 September 2012 is the ideal date to carry out this change as it coincides with the AIRAC cycle and with a new certification of the Airport.

The change will occur through the evening of 19 to 20 September, with the work scheduled so as to ensure that runway 14L-32R will come into service by 22:00 UTC, followed by runway 14R-32L which will come into service at around 05:00 UTC.

This change has been coordinated with the Air Navigation providers, ATM, CNS, AIS, and SEPLA, along with the Airport Meteorological Office (AEMET) to make sure all procedures, affected systems, and markings are adapted on that date.

Even though the corresponding aeronautical information will be published in AIP through an AIRAC amendment, in accordance to the established timelines, IFALPA recommends that this information be dispatched as soon as possible to all flight crews and any other relevant operational staff.