

AT A GLANCE

APRIL 8 | PRAGUE



Blue sapphires are unparalleled specimens of nature's beauty. Long ago, some people believed that the firmament was an enormous blue sapphire in which the Earth was embedded. Although found in the ground of our 'blue planet', sapphires really are the jewels of the sky. When the sky is blue it means good conditions for flying.

The color Blue is a symbol that is strongly linked with feelings which belong to qualities that prove their value in the long term. It is the color which fits in with everything that is constant and reliable. Pegasus was the original symbol, creative spirit and power of the Muses of Greek mythology that brought inspiration and beauty to the lives of all it encountered. The winged stallion symbolizes strength and purity. The characteristics and positive messages related to these precious symbols inspired me to determine that the Sapphire Pegasus Award for Business Aviation was the most appropriate name for recognition of outstanding achievement.

Throughout the years of my professional activity in business aviation here in Central and Eastern Europe, I have come to realize how hard companies and their teams of dedicated professionals were working to achieve their targets, increase their profitability, extend their fleets, and attract new customers. It required outstanding performance. However, the limited budgets usually didn't give them the chance to assemble a marketing or communication team for the promotion of their services. It meant that their chances were limited when participating for international awards. Times have changed. I'm glad that we can now celebrate the creation of these prestigious business aviation awards right here in the center of Europe.

We have created the Sapphire Pegasus Business Aviation Awards to honor the elite of Business Aviation. After receiving the nominations, it was a challenging task to objectively review and validate excellent nominees and reward the most outstanding performances of companies and individuals.

An opportunity for public on-line voting has been provided. The public vote was combined with the evaluation of a panel of business aviation experts from different segments of the industry and with different perspectives; they had the final word on the selection of the award winners. We honor all the nominees and at the same time express our gratitude for their service to the industry and its clients. We congratulate the award winners and let it be known that receiving a Sapphire Pegasus Award is a great achievement and recognition of the highest level of excellence.

Congratulations to winners!

Antónia Lukačínová
Sapphire Pegasus Awards Founder

JETBOOK CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION

The evening started with Veuve Clicquot champagne reception in the beautiful foyer of the Boscolo hotel.



Wellcoming attendees



Jiri Hrna (Bell Helicopters) with his wife



A. Lukacinova, V. Petak & Mirkka Lampinen (Bombardier).



Miroslava Ryskova with Zuzana Vaclavova



Viktor Pis (Gulfstream) & Antonia Lukacinova



Magnum FBO representatives



Brian Humphries and Martin Orlita



Representatives from Parizska Street



Pittsburgh University delegates



A. Lukacinova and Jiri Hrna (Bell Helicopters) with wife



Erica Da Veiga and colleagues



Tomas Chobot (EuroJet), Fabio Gamba (EBAA)

GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

Welcome and introductions by Richard Birchnell, the Toastmaster and Master of Ceremonies of the Gala Event. As guests took their seats for dinner they were treated to a special performance by Crystalle and her special dance performance titled WINGED – Thoughts on Flying. A dance accompanied by a reflection in the mirroring of light in her wings. Crystalle's art is to transform emotions into wings through the dancing of her arms; the illusion of flight.



THE SAPPHIRE PEGASUS AWARDS WERE SUPPORTED BY EBAA, CEPA AND RUBAA



The Sapphire Pegasus Business Aviation Award was prepared in cooperation with EBAA, CEPA and RUBAA with aim to honor the elite of business aviation performers from the EMEA region and Russia. The Awards were presented in twelve different categories which cover most aspects of Business Aviation. The Sapphire Pegasus Awards were presented during a prestigious Gala dinner which was held in Prague in April 8th .

The formal proceedings started with a series of welcome speeches by members of the Advisory Board, Fabio Gamba (EBAA) gave the opening address and was followed by Dagmar Grossmann (CEPA Expo) and Anna Serejkina (RUBAA).

AWARD CEREMONY



AWARD CEREMONY – WINNERS

Words of honor, excitement, laughs, and tears of happiness will characterize the moment that all have been waiting for. The Awards in twelve categories plus secret one were presented to the elite of Business Aviation by members of the Advisory Board. The Award winners were as follows;

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| <i>I. Business Jet Operator</i>
MERIDIAN AIR COMPANY | <i>VII. Lifetime Achievement</i>
BRIAN HUMPHRIES |
| <i>II. Broker/Aircraft Broker</i>
COLIBRI AIRCRAFT | <i>VIII. Business Aviation Journalist/Topic Coverage</i>
CHARLES ALCOCK |
| <i>III. MRO Facility</i>
JET AVIATION | <i>IX. Outstanding Business Aviation Performance in Russia</i>
VNUKOVO-3 |
| <i>IV. Handler/Service Provider/FBO</i>
FBO RIGA | <i>X. Woman in Aviation</i>
ERICA DA VEIGA |
| <i>V. Business Aviation Airport</i>
LONDON FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT | <i>XI. Charity/Relief Effort</i>
UAS INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SUPPORT |
| <i>VI. Innovation in Business Aviation</i>
VERTIS AVIATION | <i>XII. Outstanding Integration of Social Media</i>
BAA TRAINING |

XIII. Outstanding performance in CEE
DAGMAR GROSSMANN

A special “Outstanding Achievement” Award was presented to Dagmar Grossmann for her lifetime dedication and work to Business Aviation and the aviation industry in central Europe.

“I was the secret winner of the 13th award for setting the path in aviation in CEE and I am deeply honored by the committee to have recognized the hard work in all these years that needed to be done. Finally after all the ups and downs I looked at the beautiful sculpture that was representing all the years of joy and hustle uncertainty, and I was happy and thankful for Prague and all its opportunities.”

Dagmar Grossmann
winner in category Outstanding performance in CEE



AWARD CEREMONY – WINNERS



Dina Tkacheva (Meridian Air Company)



Liz Moscorp and Oliver Stone (Colibri Aircraft)



Winner JetAviation announcement



Roman Starkov (FBO Riga) and Peter Bradfield



Erica Da Veiga (Vertis Aviation) and Dagmar Grossmann



Antonia Lukacinova and Brian Humphries



Charles Alcock, AIN



Anna Serejkina and Sergey Pugin



Erica Da Veiga and Vladimir Petak



Women in Board with V. Petak



Dagmar Grossmann with Vladimir Petak



“I am also deeply honoured to have been awarded the Lifetime Achievement award. As I said in my acceptance, I was surprised but delighted to have been nominated and was really amazed and thrilled to learn on Friday that I had won. Thank you all very much indeed on all counts.”

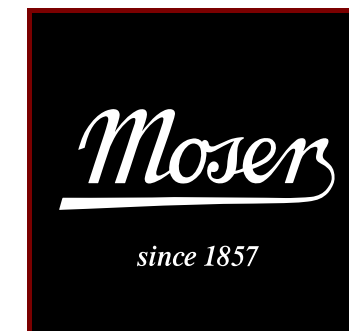
*Brian Humphries, EBAA President
winner in category Lifetime Achievement*



SAPPHIRE PEGASUS AWARDS TROPHIES



The Sapphire Pegasus Awards trophies were created in hours of handmade work by the glass masters of the famous the Czech company Moser. The award was designed by Lukas Jaburek, Moser glass designer. The exclusive position of the glassworks based on famous tradition, production quality, decorative techniques, glass color range and exceptional potential of top glass specialists provided to the artists a unique opportunity to realize their design. Moser has become a synonym not only of the high artistic and handicraft manufacture but also of original and interesting design. Moser Bohemian crystal is worldwide unrivalled same as the glassworks itself and its designers.





“We are delighted to receive the Sapphire Pegasus Award. We’re working in Riga Airport since 2000 and in 2015 our new business aviation center, consisting of a high technology hangar and a boutique terminal FBO RIGA, was opened. Already during the first month we have shown a stable result and for us the Sapphire Pegasus is another confirmation of our success. Nevertheless, we will not stop at the level achieved, the award for us is a reason to move forward and develop further!”

*Roman Starkov, the founder and co-owner of the company,
received the award on behalf of FBO RIGA
in category Handler/Service Provider/FBO.*

ENGRAVING ART DEMONSTRATION BY MOSER



Guests tried by themselves their own glass engraving with the guidance of one of Moser's professional glass masters.

ENGRAVING ART DEMONSTRATION BY MOSER



TIME FOR PICTURES

A professional photographer took pictures of your group in front of the photo wall.



Meridian Air Company



Roman Starkov with Antonia Lukacinova



Jana Skrivankova and Andrea Balazsova (Bell Helicopters)



Anna Serejkina (RUBAA) and Tomas Karnik (JF Services)



Antonia Lukacinova and Sebastian Litwinski (HondaJet)



Awsam Farjo (Aviators Solutions) and A. Lukacinova



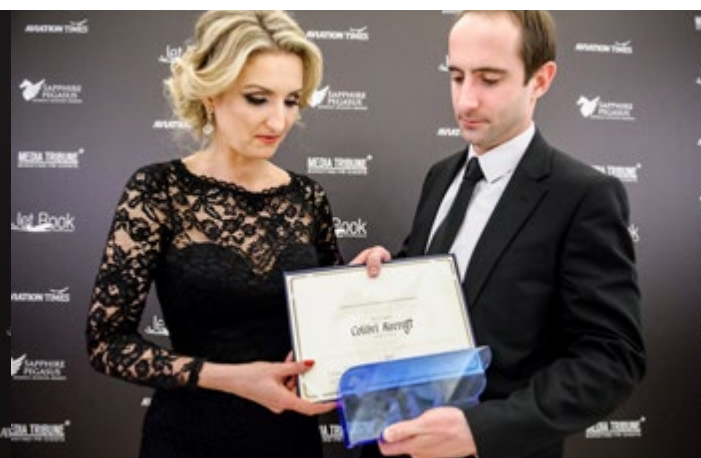
Mirkka Lampinen (Bombardier)



Charlie Bodnar and Tomas Chobot (Eurojet)



Vertis Aviation



Antonia and Oliver Stone (Colibri Aircraft)



Dagmar Grossmann and Alison Chambers (Emerald Media)

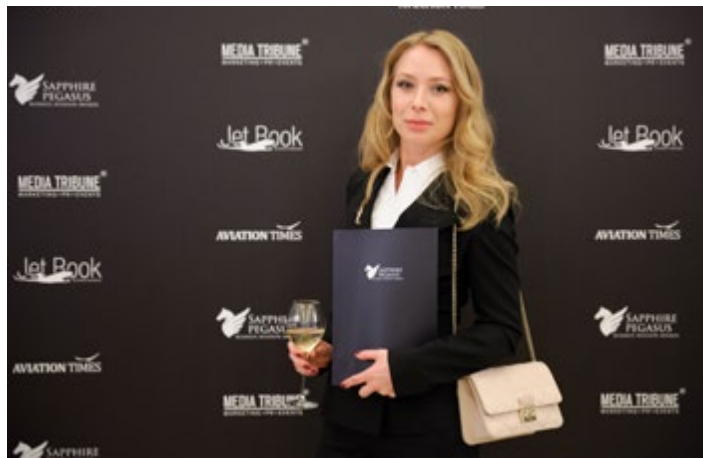


Peter Bradfield

“For FBO RIGA the receipt of the Sapphire Pegasus is an important event and a new stage of recognition at the market as a leader of service provision to companies and passengers of business aviation. It is important that the award is an international one, and companies from Europe and Russia participated. This reflects the high level of interaction between the markets and importance of collaboration.”

*Leonid Gorodnitsky, Flight Consulting Group co-owner,
received award in category Handler/Service Provider/FBO*

TIME FOR PICTURES



Anna Anken



Zuzana Majorská (Luxus.cz) and Jaroslav Cervinka (Moser)



L. Moscorp, D. Grossmann, Antonia Lukacinova,
A. Chambers, Z. Vaclavova



Michelle Abramov and Erica Da Veiga



Sergey Pugin (Pulkovo-3)



Bianca Dorneanu and Fabio Gamba



R. Birchnell, A. Lukacinova, Z. Vaclavova, P. Bradfield



Greg Wydmanski (Jet Story), Sebastian Litwinski (HondaJet)



Ch. Bodnar (EuroJet), M. Lukacin (US Steel),
T. Chobot (EuroJet)



Brian Humphries, Martin Orlita and Fabio Gamba



Sergey Pugin, Mikhail Titov, Greg Wydmanski (Jet Story)



Sebastian Litwinski (HondaJet)



Representatives from BIZAVSYSTEMS, Michelle Abramov, Magnum FBO, RUBAA, Flight Consultant Group, Pulkovo-3

NETWORKING & SOCIALIZING



“If you work hard, whether male or female and earn the respect of your colleagues, you can achieve as much as each other. I love this industry and am thrilled to have been nominated for, and then received this award. It makes all the hard work worthwhile.”

*Erica Da Veiga, Vertis Aviation
winner in category Woman in Aviation*



AFTER PARTY

After Gala Dinner Guests moved to the distinguished CigarBar of the Boscolo Hotel where they continued socializing and networking and enjoyed a precious collection of cigars, an ample and refined selection of cognac, liquors and prestigious wines.



Viola Treikale and Charlie Bodnar



Jiri Hrna with wife and Antonia Lukacinova



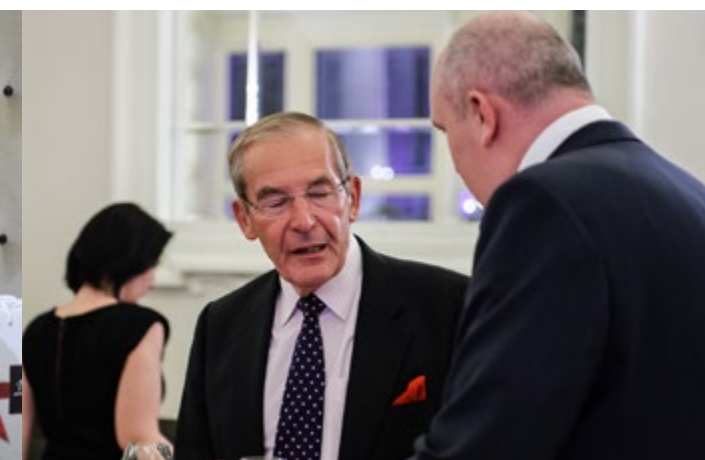
Oliver Stone (Colibri Aircraft) and Vladimir Petak



Peter Bradfield and Zuzana Vaclavova



Dagmar Grossmann with Alison Chambers



Brian Humphries and Charlie Bodnar



Eva Jirankova-Zvonickova and Martin Orlita



Erica Da Veiga



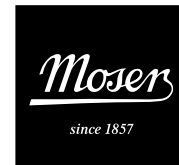
“Thank you to all of our customers for trusting in us to handle your Aircraft transactions. Without you and your faith in Colibri, we would never have the chance to win such an award. We look forward to continuing to work with you and for you on your future transactions.”

*Oliver Stone, Colibri Aircraft
winner in category Aircraft Broker*



Representatives from Pulkovo-3, Meridian Air Company, RUBAA, BIZAVSYSTEMS, Flight Consulting Group, Satcom Direct and JF Services

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THANKS FOR JOINING US!

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