EVENTS IN OUR ANNIVERSARY YEAR

AWARDS 2015





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AIR CARGO INDUSTRY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD category



JANUARY

Volga-Dnepr Gulf, a partner of Volga-Dnepr Technics in the Middle East, was honoured with a Distinction for SAA Lifelong Sustainable Achievement in the SAIF Zone Excellence Awards for its work at the Sharjah International Airport Freezone.

The company has been operating in the UAE since 1996. Today the company has state-of-the-art hangar facilities to perform aircraft maintenance work.

MARCH

On the eve of its 25th anniversary, Volga-Dnepr Group won its thirteenth 'Wings of Russia', National Aviation Industry Award.

The award, established in 2015, was in recognition of the Group's 'Contribution to the Development of Russian Air Transport'.

APRIL

A poll of 50,000 readers of the leading air cargo industry publication, Air Cargo News, resulted in AirBridgeCargo Airlines winning the prestigious 'All-Cargo Airline of the Year' award, presented at the 32nd annual awards ceremony in London.

AIRBRIDGECARGO WAS RECOGNISED THE WORLD'S BEST AIR ALL-CARGO

MAY

Volga-Dnepr Group
won the Air Cargo Industry
Achievement Award
in the World Air Cargo Awards.
The prize for contributing
to industry development,
developing new products
and services, and sustainable
growth was presented at Air
Cargo Europe, one of the most
prestigious international
exhibition and conference
events of the industry –
hosted in Munich.

in 1996

Volga-Dnepr Gulf commenced operations in the LIAF



50 thousand

readers of Air Cargo News named AirBridgeCargo as the 'All-Cargo Airline of the Year' in the publication's 32nd annual awards



CHARTER AIRLINE
OF THE YEAR

category







GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

category





OCTOBER

Volga-Dnepr Group celebrated a double success in the Payload Asia Awards, established by a major publication in the air cargo aviation sector.

According to the on-line voting, 18,000 readers of the publication named AirBridgeCargo Airlines as the 'Best Overall Carrier of the Year', while Volga-Dnepr Airlines was voted best in the 'Charter Operator of the Year' category based on the decision taken by a panel of leading aviation and cargo industry experts.

OCTOBER

The Baltic Air Charter Association (BACA), which unites participants of the global air charter industry, voted Volga-Dnepr Airlines 'Best Cargo Charter Airline' of the year. It is the sixth time BACA members have chosen Volga-Dnepr for this prestigious award.

VOLGA-DNEPR
WAS RECOGNISED
AS THE BEST CHARTER
CARGO AIRLINE
OF THE YEAR
FOR THE SIXTH TIME

OCTOBER

Volga-Dnepr Group won the special Global Competitiveness Award at the XI Annual Big Business Forum: 'Who Creates Russia's Economy' arranged by Expert RA, the leading Russian rating agency.

NOVEMBER

Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow was named in the TOP 10 companies for innovation and TOP 30 major rapidly-developing companies in Russia based on the results of the TechUp (TekhUspekh) 2015 competition.

Over 200 companies participated in the rating which took into account turnover, growth rate and the innovative

to celebrate the winners was held during Moscow's International Open Innovations Forum.

18 thousand

readers polled by Payload Asia voted AirBridgeCargo 'Best Overall Carrier of the Year'



top 30

Volga-Dnepr Technics Moscow was named among Russia's 30 largest and fastest-growing companies in the TechUp 2015 Awards

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FLEET AND ROUTE NETWORK

2015









JANUARY

AirBridgeCargo Airlines started regular flights to Helsinki.

The new twice-weekly flights operate from Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport to the capital of Finland, returning to Moscow via Frankfurt.

AIRBRIDGECARGO AIRLINES LAUNCHED SCHEDULED FLIGHTS

TO HELSINKI

APRIL

AirBridgeCargo Airlines extended its international route network by launching flights to Vietnam.

The twice-weekly flights connect the ABC's hub in Moscow with Hanoi via Hong Kong and offer further possibilities to deliver cargoes to Europe and the USA.

APRIL

AirBridgeCargo begins transpacific flights with the launch of two flights a week from Shanghai to Anchorage.

This further strengthened the airline's presence on the West Coast of the United States.

For the year as a whole, results show that 27% of all cargo delivered to the USA was onboard transpacific flights.

SEPTEMBER

AirBridgeCargo started direct Boeing 747 cargo flights from Moscow to Singapore twice a week, offering a further flight connection in Hong Kong and access to the airline's entire global route network.

AIRBRIDGECARGO AIRLINES LAUNCHED PACIFIC FLIGHTS



ONLINE STATION IN ASIA PACIFIC TO BE OPENED BY AIRBRIDGECARGO IS SINGAPORE





27%

of cargo into the U.S. was transported onboard transpacific flights in 2015













OCTOBER

Volga-Dnepr Group and Sberbank Leasing JSC entered into a finance lease agreement that resulted in two more AN-124-100 freighters being added to the Group's fleet

Volga-Dnepr is one of the few companies with the proven capability of operating the aircraft, which requires both considerable expertise as well as the availability of a developed maintenance infrastructure.

NOVEMBER

A Volga-Dnepr Airlines' IL-76TD-90VD aircraft makes history for the Group after becoming its first-ever flight to Antarctica's ice airfield.

The freighter completed a series of runs to confirm performance capability and the engine reverse thrust application range in Antarctica's unique operating conditions.

The subsequent amendments made to the IL-76TD-90VD Aircraft Flight Manual (AFM) now enable the IL-76TD-90VD aircraft to operate flights to ice airfields and to carry up to 90 people.

NOVEMBER

Two new Boeing 747-8 Freighters were added to AirBridgeCargo's fleet.

These are the first aircraft to be delivered under the order for 20 new 747-8Fs signed between Volga-Dnepr Group and Boeing Corporation at the Paris Air Show in Le Bourget in June.

NOVEMBER

AirBridgeCargo commences flights to Atlanta, thus adding another destination to its route network in North America.

The new twice-weekly Boeing 747 cargo flights operate every Friday and Sunday, giving AirBridgeCargo's global customers even greater access to and from the North American market.

64.1%

of the world's entire An-124-100 commercial fleet is operated by Volga-Dnepr.



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CERTIFICATION AND MRO

2015









THE AUDIT WAS MADE
USING MORE THAN
800 STANDARDS
AND COVERED ALL MAJOR
AREA OF ACTIVITIES
OF THE AIRLINE



FEBRUARY

Volga-Dnepr Technics opened a line station at Krasnodar-Pashkovsky airport.

The new facility is designed to perform aircraft line maintenance of Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 family aircraft after passing all required procedures to receive European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) approval.



FOR BOEING 737 AND AIRBUS A320 MAINTENANCE

APRIL

Volga-Dnepr Airlines renewed its IATA (International Air Transport Association) certificate for the fifth time, having confirmed once again its compliance with the IATA Operational Safety Audit requirements (IOSA).

The compliance checks were carried out by the French company Quali-Audit to meet 834 requirements. The auditors were especially impressed with the Group's flight safety system, quality management system and flight department.

APRIL

The first of Volga-Dnepr's unique fleet of AN-124-100 Ruslan freighters was painted using a new technology with a more resistant coating. It is designed to improve aerodynamic properties and reduce fuel consumption by 1-1.5%. The aircraft was painted by Ulyanovsk-based Spektr-Avia.

DECEMBER

AirBridgeCargo Airlines successfully passed the audit procedures for compliance with the International Air Transport Association's (IATA) Operational Safety Audit (IOSA).

The airline's IOSA certificate and the operator's IATA status were extended until November 2017.
This audit was conducted to confirm more than 800 standards and reviewed all of AirBridgeCargo's core activities from flight operations, quality control and its management system to maintenance and ground handling.





1.5%

decrease in fuel consumption and improved aerodynamic properties result from the Group's decision to use a new painting technology with a more resistant coating for its AN-124-100 aircraft





COOPERATION 2015





FEBRUARY

Volga-Dnepr Airlines signed a corporate agreement with Advanced International Networks (AIN) that connects major players in the world logistics market.

The partnership makes it possible to work more efficiently with the largest independent freight forwarders and project logistics professionals around the world.

FEBRUARY

Volga-Dnepr Technics took part in the MRO Middle East 2015 Exhibition, held on February 2-3 in the UAE.

Based on the results of the exhibition, cooperation agreements were reached and contracts were signed with Etihad Airways Engineering, Atlas Air, JorAMCo, Safi Airways, RSF Berkut, and Air Atlanta

JUNE

At the Paris Air Show at Le Bourget, Volga-Dnepr Group and Boeing Corporation signed a Memorandum of Understanding for AirBridgeCargo Airlines to be supplied with 20 new Boeing 747-8 Freighters.

The agreement also envisages using Volga-Dnepr Group's services to provide logistics support for Boeing and its suppliers using its AN-124-100 and 747 fleet

NOVEMBER

Joint Stock Company RZD Logistics and Volga-Dnepr Airlines signed a strategic partnership agreement.

As a result, both companies can provide services for organising air and rail transportation on mutual

This enables the partners to scale their distribution channels and diversify their services.

