

INMARSAT HELPS THE WIRELESSCABIN PROJECT GET CONNECTED AT WORLD TRAVEL MARKET

***Research among attendees at exhibition in London,
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Inmarsat is using its presence at the World Travel Market show (booth TT784) to help promote research for the WirelessCabin project, a market-leading initiative to develop the first complete wireless environment for work on commercial airliners.

The project aims to design a communications architecture that allows airline passengers to use their own mobile phones, PDAs and computer laptops whilst flying with their favourite passenger airline. By linking the aircraft via satellite, the project aims to give passengers access to e-mail, the Internet and their own company networks, allowing the busy traveller to utilise their flight times to best advantage. The technology will be based upon emerging industry standards including UMTS for mobile phone users and Bluetooth or 802.11 for computer network access.

Inmarsat is using its profile at the World Travel Market to promote the research stage and market definition element of the project, being undertaken by ESYS plc. ESYS is currently exploring the market demand, the desired services and the business opportunities from both the passenger and airline perspective.

Inmarsat and ESYS are two of the industry leaders that are backing the project, which is part-funded by the European Commission – other supporting organisations include Airbus, Ericsson, KID-Systeme, Siemens, TriaGnoSys, and the University of Bradford. The overall project is co-ordinated by the German aerospace centre DLR.

Lead consultant for ESYS, Dr Andrew Rogoyski, said: "This project isn't just about technology, it's about giving airline passengers the chance to work more effectively, keeping in touch with friends and family as well as the office, all in a natural, straightforward way. The facility to use your own mobile or send and receive e-mail in an airliner is long overdue".

The addition of wireless technology in aircraft is also expected to provide benefits for the aircrews and ground staff at airports. Services such as text reminders to passengers on check-in times and boarding gates, help with baggage location and improvements in passenger security are just some of the innovations envisaged.

Tony Busby, general manager of aeronautical business at Inmarsat, said: "This is an exciting project that pushes the boundaries of innovation in the airline sector. It will allow passengers to access mobile technology and wireless IP services, just as they can expect to do in the office or at home, making any journey more productive and enjoyable.

"For the business traveller, the WirelessCabin project moves us a lot closer to creating offices in the sky. We're giving the project our full support, and are happy to promote this important research stage at the World Travel Market".

For travellers unable to participate in the research at World Travel Market, ESYS is setting up an online passenger survey. It can be accessed via ESYS's web site at www.esys.co.uk (click on Surveys/Wireless Cabin Market Assessment) or follow the Market Survey link on the project's web site at www.wirelesscabin.com.

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approximately 260 distributors and other service providers operating in over 80 countries to end users in the maritime, land and aeronautical sectors.

- Inmarsat Ltd has a portfolio of mobile satellite solutions, including voice, fax, intranet and Internet access and other data services.
- Inmarsat Ltd has more than 22 years of experience in designing, implementing and operating satellite networks.
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