



YOUNG EXECUTIVE AWARD 2024 PROGRAMME DETAILS

Background and Objectives

Introduced in 2009, the ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East Young Executive Award (YEA) is an annual research paper competition which encourages young talents in Asia-Pacific and the Middle East to contribute innovative solutions for current aviation industry issues.

Topic of Young Executive Award 2024

“The Collaboration of Airport Stakeholders on Promoting Cyber-security Culture”.

The acceleration of adapting new technologies at airports has driven opportunity for cyber-attacks, and argues that airports should be investing robustly now, more than ever, in their cyber-defences to firmly secure their operational technologies. Cybersecurity threats can result in many negative outcomes for airlines and airports if they are not dealt with effectively.

As stated by ICAO, “Security culture is an organizational culture that encourages optimal security performance. Security culture is commonly understood to be a set of norms, beliefs, values, attitudes and assumptions that are inherent in the daily operation of organizations and are reflected by the actions and behaviours of all entities and personnel within those organizations. Security culture cannot be considered in isolation from the organizational culture as a whole.”

For this next Young Executive award competition, candidates are invited to use to refer to the below guidelines in their submissions:

- Identify key technologies adopted at the airport and the potential impact of cybersecurity threats;
- Analyse the potential impact of such threats would have at the airport and the airport community;
- Describe how airports are and should collaborate and promote cybersecurity culture and its challenges;
- Discuss how airports should balance between cybersecurity performance and cybersecurity investment;
- Provide solutions on the potential challenges to promoting Cybersecurity culture;
- Explore the evolution of cybersecurity treats, and what is the new era of threats for airports

Eligibility

Each ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East airport member in good standing is entitled to nominate one candidate for this competition. Each entry must be accompanied by the completed Application Form, also signed by the CEO/ Official Representative of the airport supporting the candidate's nomination. All candidates shall be at or under the age of 35 at the deadline of submission. They should be currently serving in a middle management position at any ACI Asia-Pacific airport member and have a minimum of two years of working experience in the aviation field.

Submission Guidelines

All papers must be written in English and shall contain no more than 5,000 words of A4-sized paper, using Arial font, size 11 and 1.5 line spacing. All papers must include an Executive Summary and references. Graphical illustrations such as tables, graphs and images are permitted. Papers must be submitted digitally in Microsoft Word and PDF format.

The compulsory Executive Summary shall be an overview of the research paper and include pertinent analysis of identified risks, drawn conclusions, and recommended course of actions in a complete manner. The Executive Summary should ideally be no more than 2 pages.

Tables, diagrams (including associated legends), appendices, references, footnotes and endnotes, the bibliography and any bound published material are excluded from the word count.

Submission Deadline

Each candidate must send his/her paper together with the completed Young Executive Award 2024 Application Form and supporting documents to young_executive@aci-asiapac.aero on or before **Friday 22 December 2023 12:00 noon Hong Kong Time (GMT+8)**.

Costs

There are no entry fees to enter the programme.

Assessment Criteria

Candidate submission shall be assessed based on insightful and structural analysis with detailed observations and thorough research on the topic. The candidate shall also demonstrate creativity and innovation to possible solutions, apply the concept at airports in general and show vision towards the future aviation industry. The paper submission will also be assessed based on overall paper structure and clarity in language articulation.

The Winner

The Winner of the Young Executive Award will be decided by a panel of judges comprised of relevant industry representatives. The winner will be awarded a scholarship to Airport Operations Diploma programme (online self-study). The airport of the winning candidate will receive an additional scholarship for an ACI Global Training Leadership and Management Professional Certificate Course, virtual or classroom, of their choice (excluding travel fees).

The winning Young Executive will be announced at the ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East Regional Assembly, tentatively scheduled for May 2024. The winner will also be featured in ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East's publications and social channels.

ACI Asia-Pacific reserves the right to award Honorable Mentions.

Contact Us

For further information, please visit our website at www.aci-asiapac.aero or email young_executive@aci-asiapac.aero.

Panel of Judges

Panel Chair

Mr. Hyeong Jung YOON
President and CEO
Korea Airports Corporation



Education

Georgetown University

- M.A. National Security Studies

Yonsei University

- B.A. in Political Science & Internationals Studies

Work Experience

2022.06 ~ (present)	ACI Asia-Pacific Regional Board Director
2022.02 ~ (present)	Chairman of Korea Civil Aviation Association
2022.02 ~ (present)	President and CEO of Korea Airports Corporation
2020.12 ~ 2021.11	First Deputy Director of National Intelligence Service (NIS)
2019.06 ~ 2020.12	Secretary to the President of Korea on Cyber Information, Cheong Wa Dae (Blue House) of the Republic of Korea
2018.03 ~ 2019.06	Director General of Policy Planning at NIS
1992.01 ~ 2018.03	NIS Overseas Information Bureau, and Planning and Coordination Office, etc.

Mr. Ronald, Cheok Kuan, KAN
Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Director
Macau International Airport Company Limited



Mr. Kan Cheok Kuan is appointed as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Director of Macau International Airport Company Limited (CAM) in March 2020. Mr. Kan's main responsibility is in charge of overseeing operational and administrative issues as well as internal audit matters of the company since then.

Before joining CAM, Mr. Kan commenced his career in banking since 1980s and possesses over thirty years of profound knowledge in commercial banking. He has had extensive exposure and hands-on experience in international banks with solid track record, taking up responsibility in running different areas of commercial banks including corporate, retail, internal administration and other supporting areas of banks.

Mr. Kan served in Banco Nacional Ultramarino, S.A. (BNU) for more than 20 years with over 15 years in the position of a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Director. Being one of the note-issuing banks in Macau SAR, BNU has been established in Macau for over a century and taking up the role of providing treasury function to the Macau SAR Government. BNU is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Caixa Geral de Depositos, SA which is a state-owned bank of Portugal with history of over three centuries and is also one of the important financial groups in Europe. As a banking professional at that time, he assisted the bank to supervise and manage its operation in Macau as well as the group's activity in Mainland China, which included setting up of the bank's Representative Office in Shanghai and Branch in Hengqin Guangdong. Mr. Kan was the Deputy Chairman of the Macau Banking Association and contributed to development of the banking activity in Macau under the guidance of the local Monetary Authority. Besides, he was also a member of the Advisory Board to the Deposit Protection Fund which was promulgated by the local Monetary Authority.

Dr. Manjit SINGH
Deputy Regional Director
ICAO Asia and Pacific (APAC) Office

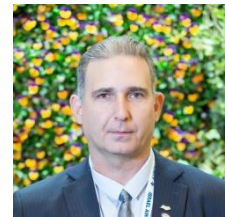


Dr. Manjit Singh has been the Deputy Regional Director of the ICAO Asia Pacific Office in Bangkok, Thailand since April 2017. He had also previously served with ICAO Asia Pacific Office as the Regional Officer Technical Cooperation from May 2011 to December 2014.

He began his career in aviation with the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) Malaysia as an Air Traffic Control Officer in June 1984. Over the years, Dr. Singh held different positions of increasing responsibilities within DCA Malaysia including as Director Air Traffic Services Inspectorate Division and eventually as Director of the Malaysia Aviation Academy (MAVA), steering MAVA to earn important accreditations and recognitions, including as an ISO certified Approved Aviation Training Organisation and a full member of the ICAO TRAINAIR PLUS Programme.

He holds a M.Sc. (Air Transport Management) as well as a PhD from Cranfield University, UK . He was twice conferred the Chevening Scholarship, the UK government's international awards programme.

Mr. Roni TIDHAR
Head of Cyber Security & Int'l Consulting Services
Israel Airports Authority



Roni Tidhar has served for the past 5 years as the Israel Airports Authority's (IAA) Head of International Consulting Services - Business Branch.

He has more than 30 years' experience of civil aviation security and emergency management gained primarily in Israel's Ben-Gurion International Airport's Security Division, where he held multiple field command positions and was a director of several units and departments. Roni also served as an El Al Israel Airlines' sky marshal, as well as an operational flight security manager, working in dozens of airports across the globe. Since being asked to establish his current position, Roni has lead IAA's teams in aviation security consultancy, providing services to different stakeholders and clients within aviation industry (airports, airlines, and regulators).

Roni has vast technical knowhow regarding airport operations and security; he is a prominent specialist in multi-layered security and was actively involved in numerous emergency events – covering most known severe scenarios. He led many large-scale integrated drills and exercises, conducted training courses, drafted procedures, and constructed security arrays. He developed unique perspectives from working closely with governmental institutions, law enforcement agencies, and a wide range of different local and international stakeholders. His personal operational qualifications include his 38 years of service in the army (IDF – both regular and reserve units).

He has been a keynote speaker at international conferences and has contributed to several worldwide industry publications, mainly on aviation security and homeland security subjects.

Roni acquired his B.A. in Political Sciences & Far East Studies from Jerusalem's Hebrew University and his M.A. in Security & Diplomacy for Directors from Tel Aviv University.

In his spare time, Roni volunteers as a Police Squad Commander, serves as public representative in his local community, as well as on the board of directors of three NGO's (for army veterans).

Mr. Stefano BARONCI
Director General
ACI Asia-Pacific & Middle East



Mr. Stefano Baronci is the Director General of ACI Asia-Pacific. Appointed in December 2019 and based in Hong Kong SAR, he is responsible for driving and executing the strategic plan of the association and overseeing a team of 13 professionals at the Regional Office.

Mr. Baronci has over 20 years of analytic and representational experience at national and international levels in the aviation sector, representing both airport and airline industries. He is very familiar with the ACI community, having previously served as the Director of Economics at ACI World in Montreal and Senior Policy Manager at ACI Europe in Brussels. He also served as Secretary General of Assaeroporti, the Italian airport operators association, and Assistant Director and ATM Infrastructure Expert at the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Mr Baronci, a native of Italy, holds an Executive MBA from Warwick University in the United Kingdom and graduated with a Law degree from La Sapienza University in Rome, Italy. He is married with two children.