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# First German One-day CPPP – a HUGE success!

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In 2018, COPA® University created a second way of attending our pilot proficiency program by setting up a course syllabus called a miniCPPP. The idea was to deliver four classes out of our over 60 presentations currently available in COPA University during a one-day seminar. This would allow attendees to avoid hotel fees by arriving in the morning and leaving that same evening. By restricting the event to only one ground track, we'd be able to deliver the content by a small group of two to three instructors, also reducing the overall cost. Using local instructors, where possible, would decrease the price even more. By doing this, attendee expense is 25 percent or less compared to the full CPPP. The question was: Will we get attendees for such a narrow-scaled training?

On May 26, 2018, in two parallel venues – New Orleans, Louisiana, in the United States and Rotterdam, Netherlands – we very successfully tested the concept and concluded that it was worthwhile to further develop this series. The most important result we saw was that those who attended the one-day seminars came from other pilot groups than those who participate in the weekend CPPPs – for a variety of reasons, including less time and expenses required and being held closer to where the member lives. Having learned that one-day events do not cannibalize the longer CPPPs (one of our concerns in the beginning), we added another change to the one-day program: for the 2019 and later one-day CPPPs, we decided to deliver them in local language – German in Germany and Austria, French in France, Italian in Italy, etc.



The first one-day CPPP held in Germany, and presented in German, attracted over 30 participants.

The OVERWHELMING result was that the first one-day CPPP recently held in Germany attracted 30 attendees Saturday, March 30, 2019, to Aschaffenburg. Most of the attendees had never before attended a COPA Pilot Proficiency Program – and all of them said that they would

come again if additional content would be delivered. That will be no problem with 60 classes available! The Aschaffenburg program included Automation Management, IFR Refresher, In-flight Weather, How Stress kills ADM, and, of course, the Partner-in-Command (PIC) course.



The Partner in Command class, taught by Gerda Preusser at the German CPPP.

The next one-day CPPP will be held May 4 in Le Touquet, France, en français, naturellement, and it will feature Safety Culture, Automation Management, Power Plant, In-flight Weather and the PIC class. After that, another one-day CPPP will be held in Salzburg, Austria, on July 13, featuring Preflight ADM, Traffic Pattern, Mountain Flying, In-flight Weather, and the PIC class. Every one-day seminar will feature different content in the future.

Thank you, COPA pilots, for making these new training events so successful! Go to the COPA University calendar to find the next one-day event close to you. ☺



The author presenting one of the classes at the first one-day German CPPP presented in German.

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