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Projekt GreenLight WorldFlight – NORTH POLE ICAO in Montreal

Less than 4 hours were needed to turn a mission impossible into the reality! Due to a technical problem Matevž was grounded in Havre-St-Pierre, a little town in Northern Quebec, which opened a window of opportunity to get him in Montreal as a surprise guest speaker at ICAO.

Matevž Lenarčič (1959 Slovenia), a graduate in biology, author of 11 books, alpinist, paraglider, mountain climber, environmentalist, photographer and pilot, took time out from his current GreenLight WorldFlight black carbon mission through the Canadian Arctic to visit ICAO HQ in Montreal on the occasion of the UN aviation agency's 4th Environmental Symposium, *Destination Green*.

Instead of continuing his flight to Saint John's-Canada and later on over Atlantic to Kerry-Ireland he impressed more than 400 participants of the Symposium as a guest speaker. Matevž shared his real-life experience of flying numerous hours in extreme conditions collecting utmost valuable black carbon data all along. His presentation skills were at least as good as his flying ones for which he earned a huge round of applause. He passed several important messages; among them the incredible usefulness of small, private aircraft such as Pipistrel Virus-SW equipped with sensitive Aerosol instruments which can play a pivotal role in helping to bridge key data gaps, particularly at low altitudes. This is an excellent example of aviation's important role in assisting the global community's understanding of climate change.

Thanks to Matevž May 15 has been a great day not only for the Slovenian aviation community and industry but also for its diplomatic missions in Ottawa and Montreal. The latter two certainly deserve to feel glorious over his performance as they swiftly organized his arrival to Montreal on such a short notice.

Short was also Matevž's stay in Montreal as he left early morning the following day, equipped with some Rotax spare parts which he "by the way" purchased from an old friend of his. Upon receiving a DHL shipment from Pipistrel-Slovenija in the following days, hopefully hours, only the sky is the limit for the Slovenian extreme pilot.

Klemen Ferjan, ICAO



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