

Clearing the air on research

I write with regard to your article 'Cabin-air research seems to reverse no-risk conclusion' (*Flight International*, 15-21 November). This article could mislead your readers so, for the record, I would like to clarify some points.

Cranfield University's Institute of Environment and Health (IEH) undertook a study for the UK

Department for Transport (DfT) to investigate aspects of cabin air quality. This work was reported in May 2011. The report is in the public domain and can be viewed at:

<https://dspace.lib.cranfield.ac.uk/handle/1826/5306>

There is confusion created by your article as it associates Cranfield University with conclusions reported from a later, independently run workshop.

The workshop was held under the aegis of Collegium Basilea, a Swiss-based organisation, at a conference centre owned by and located at Cranfield. Their workshop was organised and chaired by its president, Professor Jeremy Ramsden, who is also an employee of Cranfield University. I wish to emphasise that Professor Ramsden is not a member of the IEH and is not one of the toxicology experts who were involved in the study. Any statements attributed to him on this issue can only have been made in an individual capacity, and are not informed by having been involved in the study, and do not represent the view of Cranfield University.

The university is satisfied that the work, findings and conclusions presented in its IEH report are appropriate to the study undertaken.

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Editor's note: We are happy to set the record straight.