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Our readers will recall the announcement in our July issue (nº3) of SITELCOM 82, the Technical Conference which SITA plans to hold in Monte Carlo, Monaco from the 2nd to 4th March next year.

It is a mark of the importance of this conference to the airline industry and of the scope of the programme prepared that already several international personalities have committed themselves to participate in the opening session. In particular, we would mention Mr. M. Mili, Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Mr. Knut Hammar skjöld, Director General of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

In addition, the management of such regional and international air transport organisations as the African Airlines Association (AFRAA), the Institut du Transport Aérien (ITA), the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and Arab Air Carriers Organisation (AACO) have to date announced their intention to attend the event.

## Cutover of RIO Satellite Processor

On the 10th August, 1981, Dr. Helvecio Gilson, President of Embratel (the Brazilian national telecommunications authority) officially inaugurated the new Satellite Processor for Type A traffic which SITA had cutover ten days previously.

Among those attending the ceremony, which was hosted by Embratel, were Colonel Nelson Souto Jorge (representing Brazil's Minister of Communications), Colonel Joubert Brizida, General Executive Secretary of the Special Secretariat for Informatics created by the Government of Brazil in 1979 (SEI) and, from SITA, K. S. Molenaar, Assistant Director General and

J. M. Silva, General Manager for South America.

The Satellite Processor, which is situated in Embratel's building in Rio de Janeiro, is connected to SITA's High Level System in Madrid by means of an AVD circuit. Swissair and British Caledonian were connected to the new SP immediately upon cutover, and Avianca will be connected as soon as possible. This new installation in Rio represents an important step forward for SITA in meeting the requirements of its member airlines in Brazil.

## Meeting of Board of Directors in SINGAPORE

On the 8th October last the SITA Board of Directors held its 176th meeting in Singapore, the first time that such a meeting has been held in Asia.

Among the principal questions considered by the Board were the AIRCOM project, the Common User Terminal Equipment (CUTE) project and the choice of computer equipment for the Message Storage and Handling System (MSS).

The Board of Directors was generally in favour of pursuing the AIRCOM project,

which it considers to be a valuable extension of the services to the airline community provided by SITA. In addition to the seminar on AIRCOM which is to be held for the airlines in Paris during the month of January, the Board considered it would be useful to obtain from a number of airlines expressions of their support for this project and to reconsider stepping up the effort on AIRCOM at the December Board Meeting.

During this meeting the Board also considered and accepted applications for membership from the following airlines: Eagle Air (Iceland), Guy America Airways (U.S.A.), Maof Airlines (Israel) and Wirtschaftsflug Rhein-Main (West Germany), subject to these carriers' completing the necessary membership formalities.

The host airline, Singapore Airlines, is currently represented on the SITA Board and holds 38 of the total 1506 shares. In 1980 the company was the fifth largest user of the SITA services, and the largest airline user in Asia.

The next meeting of the SITA Board of Directors is scheduled for the 17th December, 1981 in Paris.

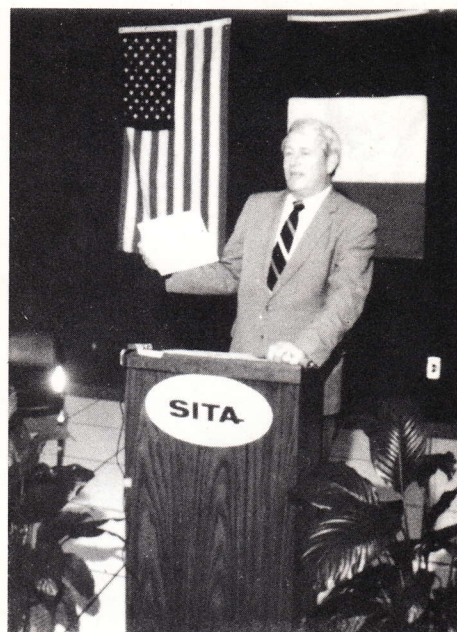
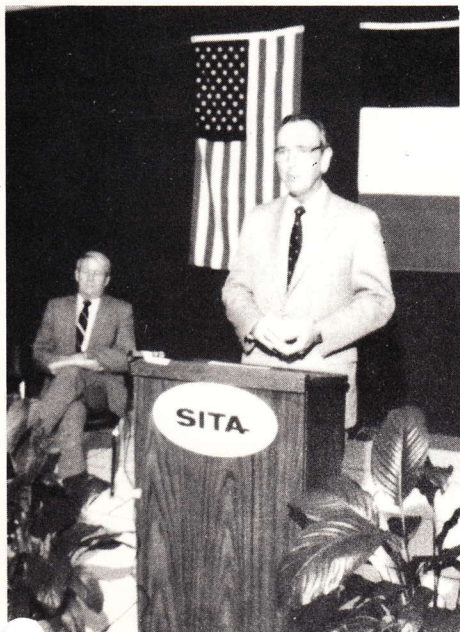


Among those attending the cutover ceremony in Rio were: (left to right) Col. J. Brizida, Dr. H. Gilson, Col. N. Jorge, Mr. K. Molenaar (SITA - Paris) and Mr. J. Silva (SITA - Rio).

## Reservation Systems connected to the SITA network

This table shows a total of 47 reservation systems connected to the SITA network by the end of June, 1981. With regards to the SITA/GABRIEL system, the total of 1744 includes all terminals — either directly polled from Atlanta, or served through the SITA network.

Operator and other users	Name of system (location)	Agent sets via SITA	
Aer Lingus + Air Lanka EgyptAir Kuwait Airways	ASTRAL (Dublin)	392	
Aeroflot	AURORA (Moscow)	57	
Aerolineas Argentinas	ARSYSTEM (Buenos Aires)	73	
Aeronaves de Mexico + Mexicana	TERE (Los Angeles)	27	
Air Canada	RESERVEC 2 (Toronto)	43	
Air France + Middle East Airlines Royal Air Maroc Sabena Tunis Air UTA	ALPHA III	383	
Air New Zealand	CARINA (Auckland)	3	
Alitalia + Aerolineas Argentinas	ARCO (Rome)	195	
American Airlines	SABRE (Tulsa)	13	
Avianca	— (Bogota)	65	
Braniff Airways + World Airways	COWBOY (Dallas)	96	
British Airways + Air India Int. British Midland Airways C.P. Air Libyan Arab Airlines Nigeria Airways Olympic Airways Qantas Airways Saudi Arabian Airlines Sudan Airways	BABS + RTB (London)	842	
C.P. Air	PEGASUS (Vancouver)	42	
Cargolux Airlines	— (Luxembourg)	3	
Cathay Pacific Airways	CPARS (Hong Kong)	120	
China Airlines	AMICAL (Taipei)	50	
Continental Airlines + Air Florida British Caledonian Dan Air Services Singapore Airlines Union de Transports Aériens	SHARES (Los Angeles)	175	
Delta Air Lines	DELTAMATIC (Atlanta)	33	
Deutsche Lufthansa	U494 (Frankfurt)	133	
Eastern Air Lines	SYSTEM ONE (Miami)	23	
El Al Israel Airlines	CARMEL (Tel Aviv)	86	
Finnair Oy	FINRES (Helsinki)	75	
Flying Tiger Line	KIAC (Los Angeles)	120	
Garuda Indonesian Airways	ARGA (Jakarta)	42	
Gulf Air	GARTH (Bahrein)	26	
Iberia	RESIBER 2 (Madrid)	56	
Iran Air	HOMAC (Teheran)	63	
Japan Airlines + Japan Asia Airways	JALCOM (Tokyo)	161	
KLM Royal Dutch Airlines + Air U.K. ALM - Dutch Antillean Airlines Iraqi Airways Jugoslovenski Aerotransport Surinam Airways Turk Hava Yollari Viasa	CORDA (Amsterdam)	611	
Korean Airlines	KALCOS (Seoul)	232	
Laker Airways	SYSTEM 10 (London)	79	
Malaysian Airlines System	KOMMAS (Kuala Lumpur)	15	
Northwest Airlines	INSTARES (Minneapolis)	93	
Pakistan Int. Airlines	REPAK (Karachi)	48	
Pan American World Airways	PANAMAC (Rockley, N.J.)	28	
Philippine Airlines	PACERS (Manila)	87	
Qantas Airways + Air Nuigini	QANTAM (Sydney)	24	
Scandinavian Airlines System + Thai Airways Intrnational	SASCO (Copenhagen)	253	
Singapore Airlines	KRISCOM (Singapore)	309	
SITA	GABRIEL (Atlanta)	1744	
South African Airways	SAAFARI (Johannesburg)	105	
Swissair + Austrian Airlines	RESCO (Zurich)	205	
Thai Airways International	ROYAL (Bangkok)	115	
Transportes Aereos Portugueses	TAPMATIC (Lisbon)	120	
Trans World Airlines	PARS (Kansas City)	50	
United Airlines + Spantax	UNIMATIC (Denver)	22	
Western Airlines	— (Los Angeles)	12	
			<b>TOTAL 7549</b>



At the inauguration of the new SITA building, those invited heard speeches from (left to right) The Honourable George Busbee (Governor of Georgia), Mr. C. Lalanne, Director General of SITA, and Mr. T. Sudderth, General Manager of SITA, North and Central America.

## ATLANTA inauguration

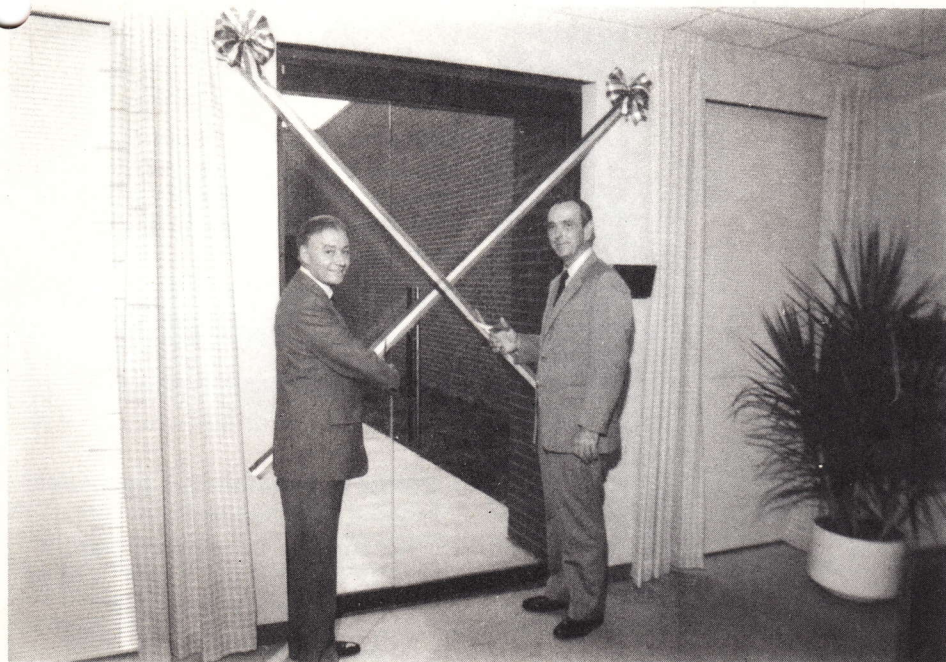
Our readers will recall that in our March/April issue, we published an artist's drawing of the new SITA office and computer complex under construction in Atlanta, Georgia since November 1980. The project was completed, both under budget and ahead of schedule, on the 1st August, 1981.

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on the 15th September, SITA's Director General, C. Lalanne, and the Governor of the State of Georgia, The Honourable George Busbee, officially inaugurated the new SITA building. Mr. T. Sudderth, General Mana-

ger of SITA, North and Central America, welcomed representatives from the Georgia Department of Industry and Trade, the local construction industry and the airlines attending the opening.

Following the ceremony, there was a tour of the 30,000 sq. ft. single-storey building, which contains a computer room of 8,500 sq. ft., office space, engineering rooms, storage and utility space. A new Univac 1100-83 computer system is on order and scheduled for installation in these premises early in 1983, but in the meantime the existing Univac 494 is scheduled to move to the new building, along with all SITA Atlanta staff, at the end of October, 1981.

SITA's new premises are located on 5.2 acres of land in College Park, conveniently located near an expressway and the second-busiest airport in the world, Atlanta. Here the GABRIEL shared seat reservation system will in future be housed, as well as the IATA/SITA "BACTRAC" service successfully launched last year. Currently there are 31 of SITA's member airlines using the GABRIEL system and more than 60 participating in the "BAGTRAC" service, and both services are continually expanding. SITA, with these larger, totally modern premises and planned increase in system capacity will be well prepared to meet the future needs of its airline members in Atlanta.



Mr. C. Lalanne (left) and Governor Busbee preparing to cut the ribbons and officially inaugurate the new SITA Atlanta premises.



Mr. D. Delepine (SITA - Atlanta) with SITA's Secretary-General, Mr. S. Dwek (right).

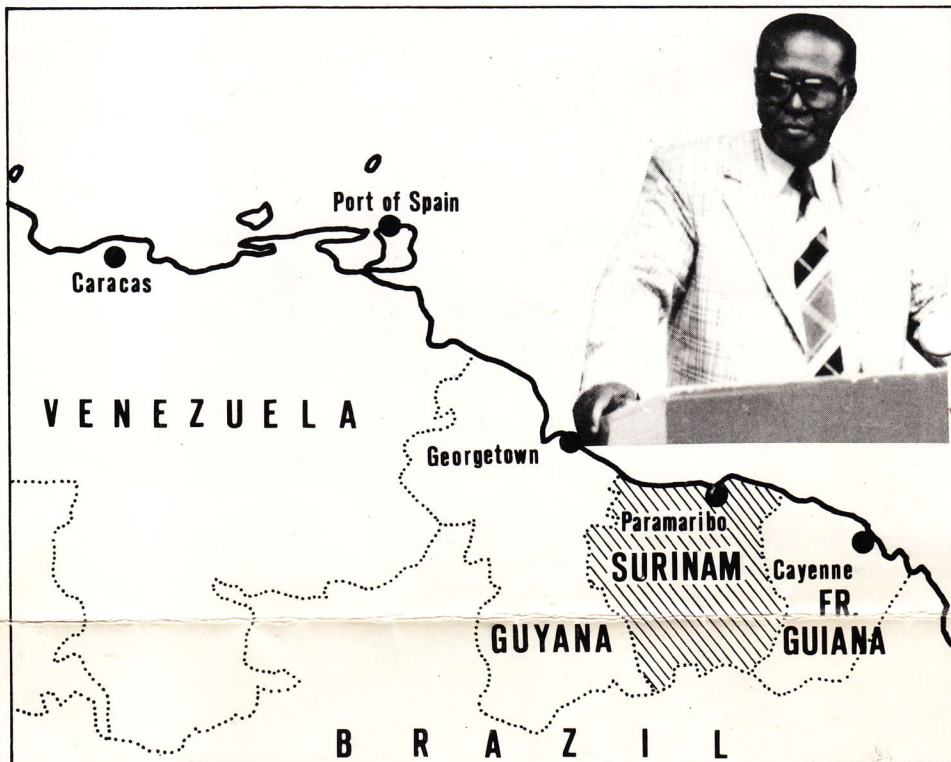


Mr. C. Lalanne (left) examines the program with Mr. T. Sudderth.

## 10th Anniversary Celebrations in PARAMARIBO, Surinam

It was ten years ago in July that SITA cut-over its second centre in the Caribbean area, in Paramaribo, Surinam, and a reception was held on the 7th August at the Hotel Krasnapolsky in the Surinam capital to celebrate SITA's tenth anniversary in that country.

conomic Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Surinam, management and staff from the airlines, the Director General of Telesur and other business partners. Speaking to this audience, Mr. Wijdenbosch traced the growth of the Paramaribo centre since its beginnings and thanked those present, and all others whose contributions to SITA's development in Surinam had made this celebration possible.



Mr. R. Wijdenbosch addressing guests at SITA's 10th anniversary celebration.

As we go to press, the move of the GABRIEL staff to the new building took place during the week of 26 October. The very critical move of the on-line GABRIEL Data Processing system was conducted in two stages, with first during that week the installation in the new premises of the stand-by UNIVAC 494 equipment, and second the cut-over of the entire system during the weekend of 1 November with practically minor interruptions.

## Retirement of B. Hussenot and appointment of S. Brun Personnel Director

Mr. Bernard Hussenot-Desenonges, SITA's Personnel Director since April 1978, retired on the 31st August last. A graduate of the renowned French military academy, Saint-Cyr, Mr. Hussenot was a career officer in the Army and decorated with the "Légion d'honneur" before joining SITA 10 years ago. He first served as a Personnel Inspector, and in 1975 was promoted to Deputy Personnel Director.

Mr. Serge Brun, his former Deputy Director, has been nominated to succeed Mr. Hussenot as of the 1st September, 1981.

SITA's new Personnel Director brings to his position the benefits of his broad professional experience, gained in over 20 years with Air France. With an academic background in economics and law, Mr. Brun had held a number of responsible positions in the administration of the national airline's personnel and financial affairs, both at home and abroad, prior to his move to SITA in February, 1980.

Mr. R. Wijdenbosch, SITA's Local Representative throughout its ten years of operation in Paramaribo, welcomed such distinguished guests as the Ministers of Eco-

The occasion was not wholly focussed on the achievements of the past ten years however. In his address Mr. Wijdenbosch also spoke of the plans of airlines in the area to automate their reservations services in the future, and the role SITA will have to play in realising those plans.

In this fast-developing area of the world, and the airline industry, SITA can look forward now to a period of challenge and effort as rewarding as the past ten years have proved to be.



Mr. B. Hussenot, retiring Personnel Director of SITA, (left) with his successor, Mr. S. Brun.

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