STEEERING COMMITTEE

On 25 May 2019, the national AIRCOP Steering Committee of Bolivia brought together the 5 agencies involved in the Joint Airport Interdiction Task Force, namely INTERPOL, Customs, Immigration, Airport Police and the Anti-Narcotics Special Task Force (FELCN) of Bolivia, to discuss the achievements of the JAIF at Viru Viru international airport and the assignment of a focal point.

WORKSHOP IN MOROCCO

From 11 to 13 June 2019, a regional workshop on the “detection and interdiction of cash couriers at international airports” took place in Casablanca, Morocco. 27 law enforcement officers and Financial Intelligence Units (including 2 women) from Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and the State of Palestine took part in the event.

REGIONAL TRAINING

From 17 to 21 June 2019, in Saly, Senegal, a regional training on “fraudulent documents” with a focus on smuggling of migrants was delivered to officers from 11 African JAIFs, in cooperation with UNODC projects ECOWAS and PROMIS.

INCREASE OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS IN LATIN AMERICA

On 4 June 2019, the AIRCOP Task Force at Ezeiza international airport of Buenos Aires, Argentina, participated in a controlled delivery operation under the supervision of the Anti Drug Prosecutor’s Office and in collaboration with the Airport Security Police and the Federal Police of Brazil—INTERCOPS. Following this operation, 2 kg of methamphetamine and 48 kg of ketamine were seized. The drugs were concealed in a rocking horse coming from Belgium. For the controlled delivery, the drugs were replaced by salt and the shipment reached its destination resulting in the arrest of 6 individuals. In recent years, synthetic drugs mainly produced in European countries are increasing in Latin America posing additional concerns regarding drugs consumption.

WANTED PASSENGER INTERCEPTED IN EL SALVADOR

On 8 June 2019, the AIRCOP Joint Airport Task Force in El Salvador intercepted a passenger wanted by the Costa Rican government and INTERPOL (red notice) for escaping prison where he was serving time for homicide. As he attempted to flee the country to Spain, the upstream investigation and targeting led to the interception of the passenger at Oscar Arnulfo Romero international airport, El Salvador.

KEY SEIZURE

Date: 31 May 2019
Place: Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Seizure: EUR 3,940,900 and USD 533,550 in undeclared cash
Route: Côte d'Ivoire—Lebanon
Concealment: 2 luggages