Have you ever watched 873 people emerge from an airplane in 78 seconds?
No, we didn’t think so … unless you were in Hamburg, Germany, last March or at the 59th annual International Air Safety Seminar in Paris, October 23–26. Attendees saw a video of the Airbus A380 evacuation trial — one of many interesting presentations.

By all accounts, the seminar was a huge success. More than 450 delegates from 53 countries attended. Flight Safety Foundation and its co-presenters, International Federation of Airworthiness and International Air Transport Association, would like to particularly thank this year’s host committee for making the seminar possible:

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During the IASS, Flight Safety Foundation and International Federation of Airworthiness presented awards to outstanding individuals and companies who have made the aviation industry safer. They were:

FSF President’s Citation
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— Ann Hill, director, membership and development, Flight Safety Foundation