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Dr Rafael Echevarne, Director of Economics is leaving ACI World to take up the position of CEO at Sangster International Airport in Montego Bay, Jamaica.



Echevarne joined Airports Council International as Director of Economics and Programme Development at ACI World headquarters in Montreal, Canada in September 2011 and has made a major contribution to the organisation, including detailed work on the under-developed non-aeronautical side of the business.

He has also been a regular speaker at ACI World events, the Trinity Forum, ASUTIL and several other events, where he has made many interesting and revealing observations and presentations relating to airport retailing.

Echevarne's findings from ACI's airport surveys have proved particularly interesting and enlightening over the last few years, including his warning to the DF&TR industry at more than one conference that airport passengers continually tell ACI's researchers that they find products in the shops are too expensive. [click here

http://www.trbusiness.com/regional-news/the-americas/positive-latin-outlook-says-acis-echevarne/64737].



Acknowledging his contribution to ACI World, Angela Gittens, Director General said: "His keen business knowledge, boundless energy and global experience will make him a tremendous asset to Sangster International. His wit and outgoing personality will hold him in good stead as he enters this new arena."

Echevarne holds a PhD in Airport Economics from Cranfield University (UK) and a Masters in Air Transport from Westminster University (UK).

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His past experience includes running his own airport economics and management consultancy firm and he has also occupied positions in companies in Europe, Australasia and the Middle East, including: Ferrovial, Copenhagen Airports, Abu Dhabi Airports Company and Airways Corporation of New Zealand.



He has also been actively involved in the privatization and development of aeronautical infrastructure and the provision of consultancy services worldwide, covering the fields of airports, airlines and air traffic control. He has also been a regular lecturer in a number of postgraduate aviation programmes.