The VATSIM Network

Founded in July 2001, VATSIM emerged from the collective vision of a group of individuals dedicated to fulfilling the needs of flight simulation enthusiasts worldwide. The initiative aimed to establish an inclusive online community, providing a platform for enthusiasts to connect, while fostering a global community dedicated to learning, sharing experiences, and exploring new opportunities within the virtual aviation realm. This pioneering group is now recognized as the VATSIM Founders, continuing to guide the network's strategic direction.

Organizational Structure

The governance of VATSIM is entrusted to the Board of Governors, comprising individuals tasked with overseeing specific aspects of the network's operations. This board includes Regional Vice Presidents, each representing one of VATSIM's regions, supported by a comprehensive local staff structure. It is noteworthy that all positions within VATSIM are filled by volunteers.

VATSIM's global community is organized into Regions, Divisions, and then local facilities, the names of which vary by location. This hierarchical structure is designed to cultivate and support communities worldwide, providing resources, training, and a forum for sharing the VATSIM experience. Additionally, VATSIM serves as the principal network for numerous established Virtual Airlines and other virtual flying organizations, enriching our skies daily with hundreds of flights.

Our Members: The Core of VATSIM

At the heart of VATSIM are our members, whose participation and engagement are paramount. Members have the freedom to experience VATSIM in their preferred manner, whether through flying, controlling, or both. VATSIM is a platform for everyone, embodying a network that is as diverse and enriching as the members who make it vibrant.

Welcome to VATSIM, a community where your aviation aspirations can soar.