

University of Nebraska - Lincoln

DigitalCommons@University of Nebraska - Lincoln

2002 Bird Strike Committee-USA/Canada, 4th
Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA

Bird Strike Committee Proceedings

October 2002

Bird Strikes in Courts: The Genoa Case

Valter Battistoni
Italy

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/birdstrike2002>



Part of the [Environmental Health and Protection Commons](#)

Battistoni, Valter, "Bird Strikes in Courts: The Genoa Case" (2002). *2002 Bird Strike Committee-USA/Canada, 4th Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA*. 27.

<http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/birdstrike2002/27>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Bird Strike Committee Proceedings at DigitalCommons@University of Nebraska - Lincoln. It has been accepted for inclusion in 2002 Bird Strike Committee-USA/Canada, 4th Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

Bird Strikes in Courts: The Genoa Case

Dr. Valter Battistoni, ENAC, Ente Nazionale per l'Aviazione Civile, Direzione Circostrizione Aeroportuale, Alghero; Bird Strike Committee Italy, Direzione Circostrizione Aeroportuale, Aeroporto Civile, 07040 S. Maria La Palma, Italy

There have not been many court cases, be it criminal or civil, concerning accidents, or even compensation for damages, following bird strikes. Generally, those involved prefer to reach an agreement out of court. The first court sentence in Italy on this subject was pronounced by the Civil Court of Genoa in 2001. The carrier had sued a number of entities (Ministry of Transport, Airport Operator, Air Traffic Control Agency) for damages resulting from a multiple impact between a BAE 146 and a flock of gulls (*Larus* sp.) that occurred on 7 June 1989 at Genoa Airport. On that occasion the aircraft managed to return to the parking stand, severely damaged with three engines out of order. This presentation describes the positions of the parties concerned and the judges' conclusions – conclusions that might obviously be modified following an appeal.