



ACI Global Training Instructor Biography

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Mercedes works at the Office of Environmental Works and Studies (Bureau de Travaux et d'Études en Environnement – BTEE SA). She has occupied several positions since her arrival in the company in 2007. Mercedes is a graduate Engineer in Nature Management.

Mercedes is currently the coordinator of **airtrace** – International Airport Environment Training Centre. **airtrace** is the product of a partnership between Geneva International Airport - GVA and BTEE SA. The setting up of **airtrace** answered a need expressed by airport operators. Geneva International Airport has taken wildlife hazard seriously since long ago, frequently bringing visits from international colleagues. That's why it has been decided to make available the thorough experience developed in this particular field.

As a specialist in wildlife hazard prevention and management in airports, Mercedes has carried out expertises and has given many courses in this particular field: ACI training course in Trinidad and Tobago in 2007, ACI Fund Seminar in Casablanca in 2008, Geneva International Airport runway agents training courses, several conferences and presentations in Geneva International Airport for national and international audiences.

Mercedes also holds the position of wildlife hazard management agent at Geneva International Airport. In this context, she monitors the airport and scares away animals that pose a risk to aviation. She also handles investigations in case of wildlife strikes. She contributes to the passive management of the airport platform, including grassland cutting operations.

In parallel, Mercedes occupies a position as engineer in nature management. She is in charge of natural environment management or maintenance plans, master plans, land use and cartography. She also has capacity to conduct environmental impact assessments.

Mercedes has also occupied the position of Chief of Staff Assistant of the Business Continuity Plan in case of pandemic influenza at Geneva International Airport. She has collaborated in developing the Business Continuity Plan and in particular has developed the action plan. She has also jointly participated in group coordination between Geneva International Airport and businesses and institutions partners.