

FTTH Council Europe General Assembly Sees Board Extended and Membership Increased

At the FTTH Council Europe's Annual General Assembly in Stockholm last month (25th-26th April), members voted unanimously to continue with the majority of the present Board and extend its number by an additional two individuals. Five new member organisations were also accepted into the FTTH Council Europe - Dantex Plastrør, Dätwyler, Ignis Photonix A/S, Mitsubishi Electric and Volker Wessels Telecom – extending the total membership to 59.

“After an energetic and productive General Assembly, which has demonstrated its faith in the current direction of the Council, I'm very pleased to welcome our new members and look forward to working closely with them to achieve our aims,” said Hartwig Tauber, Professor of Corporate and e-Business Management at the University of Applied Sciences, Krems (Austria) who was re-elected President of the FTTH Council Europe for a second term. “There is a great deal to do on so many levels, and I believe that the Board can continue to successfully lead the Council toward accelerating the uptake of fibre-based technologies and services across Europe.”

Joeri Van Bogaert, Tibor van Melsem Kocsis and Rami Houbby are all newly elected members of the Board. Meanwhile Morgan David and Olivier Danthine join as Chairs of the Market Development and Regulatory Committees, respectively.

The full list of FTTH Council Europe Board members is as follows:

- Hartwig Tauber (IMC University Krems), **Board Member and President**
- Francisco Fuentes (Cisco Systems), **Board Member and Secretary General**
- Jan de Groot (OFS), **Board Member and Treasurer**
- Jean-Pierre Lartigue (Alcatel), **Board Member**

- Tadhg Leonard (Corning Cable Systems), **Board Member**
- Mats Hansson (Ericsson), **Board Member**
- Joeri Van Bogaert (NBG Fiberoptic), **Board Member**
- Tibor van Melsem Kocsis (Ementelle), **Board Member**
- Rami Houbby (Allied Telesyn), **Board Member**

Also at the General Assembly, Chair responsibilities were awarded to the following individuals:

- Wolfgang Fischer (Cisco Systems) - **Architecture Committee**
- Albert Grooten (Draka Comteq) - **Infrastructure Committee**
- Olivier Danthine (GNS) - **Regulatory Committee**
- Vladimir Prodanovic (FTTH.info) - **Content & Services Committee**
- Morgan David (Motorola) - **Market Development Committee**
- Kathleen De Smedt (Alcatel) - **Communications Committee**

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About the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Council Europe

The FTTH Council Europe www.europeftthcouncil.com is a market development organisation with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, broadband access networks to consumers and businesses. With few exceptions, Europe lags well behind the US and Asian tiger economies in the availability of high speed broadband services (10 Mbps and upwards). The Council believes that the development of fibre-based access networks is fundamental to the deployment of such services, and hence to reaping their benefits for European citizens and businesses.

The Council's charter is to work with European governments, policy-makers and opinion leaders qualify and quantify the benefits to be gained from fibre-based broadband access networks, and to identify and help to erode the barriers to their development. Council members are drawn from the telecoms (vendors), broadband content and academic sectors.

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