

## **FTTH Council Europe Elects New Board at General Assembly**

**Incumbent President Re-Elected with Mandate to Strengthen Success**

Following the FTTH Council Europe's Annual General Assembly held in Amsterdam last week, Council members re-elected Joeri Van Bogaert as President, and voted in the remainder of a new board. It will be Van Bogaert's second term as President, having first been elected in April last year.

"European FTTH is in good health at present, with more and more deployments across the continent demonstrating the economic, social and environmental advantages of fibre," commented Joeri Van Bogaert. "I am honoured to continue in the role of President and anticipate that the coming 12 months will be the Council's most successful ever."

The elections saw several long-serving board members step down, following the conclusion of their maximum three-year terms. "I would personally like to thank the dedication and commitment of Jan De Groot, Mats Hansson and Jean-Pierre Lartigue for their outstanding contribution and wish them well in the future," added Van Bogaert.

The full list of current members of the board is as follows:

President of the Board: Joeri Van Bogaert, Leoni NBG Fiber Optics

Treasurer: Sophie Pautonnier, Mitsubishi Electric

Board of Directors:

- Kathleen De Smedt, Alcatel-Lucent
- Christian Emborg, DKT
- Wolfgang Fischer, Cisco
- Karel Helsen, Draka Comteq
- Tibor van Melsem Kocsis, Emtelle
- Christian Ollivry, Motorola
- Gallit Wellner, ECI Telecom

“Just two months on from our latest and most successful Annual Conference, the sentiment among Council members is very positive and forward looking,” said Hartwig Tauber, Director General of the FTTH Council Europe. “With the guidance of the new board, we will extend our membership further, and plan to deliver an exciting programme of activities to support the mass-market penetration of FTTH in Europe.”

Chairs for four Committees within the FTTH Council Europe were also elected, the full list being as follows:

- Market Intelligence Committee: Floyd Wagoner, Motorola
- Policy & Regulation Committee: Olivier Danthine, GNS
- Deployment & Operations Committee: Chris Holden, Corning
- Network & Service Revenues Committee: Simon Aspinall, Cisco

The Chair of the Sustainable Development Fibre (Sudefib) Committee will be appointed following a separate election in May.

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#### **About the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Council Europe**

The FTTH Council Europe [www.ftthcouncil.eu](http://www.ftthcouncil.eu) 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 (100 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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