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GIORGIO VERONESI ELECTED AS NEW EFCE PRESIDENT

NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS AND NEW TRUSTEES TO JOIN EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2022

EFCE will begin 2022 with a new President, new Executive and Scientific Vice-Presidents, and a new composition of its Executive Board, following elections held at the Executive Board meeting and General Assembly on 27 September 2021.

Giorgio Veronesi was elected as the next President of EFCE. He has 40 years of experience in the international engineering and construction sector and held various senior positions at engineering contractors including Foster Wheeler, Tecnimont, Siirtec Nigi and Techint. Veronesi is a member of the Executive Committee of AIDIC and first joined the Executive Board in 2016 as a trustee, serving as Executive Vice-President from 2018-2021. His priorities for his Presidency are:

- improving the integration and exchange between academia and industry;
- developing a closer link to a fast-moving society;
- assisting, helping, creating opportunities for students and young chemical engineers; and
- promoting participation of female members, to rectify the current imbalance in representation.

He said: "I believe that President should ensure that EFCE's vision, views and processes are fit for dealing with a fast-changing environment and global challenges such as the energy and environmental transition and digitalization, on top of sudden crises such as COVID 19, which shook the lives of people in all the continents.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and deep appreciation to Hermann Feise and David Bogle, out-going President and Scientific Vice-President of EFCE, respectively, for their vision, hard work and always active contribution to the Federation, in particular in these difficult years. It has been an honor and a pleasure working with them as fellow officers."

EFCE's new Scientific Vice-President will be **Professor Petr Kluson**. He is a Research Professor at the Institute of Chemical Process Fundamentals of Czech Academy of Sciences, and a Lecturer at Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague. He is a secretary of the Czech Society of Chemical Engineering, and the scientific Chairman of CHISA Congresses. Kluson joined the EFCE Executive Board in 2018 as a trustee.

He commented: "I strongly believe in the importance of the rich professional community life. I see as very inspiring, and important, to take part in the effort when the community representatives work for the benefit of its members."

Professor Jarka Glassey, professor of chemical engineering at the University of Newcastle, UK, and former Vice President Learned Society at IChemE, was elected as the new Executive Vice-President.

She sees the EFCE's immediate challenges as: effectively supporting chemical engineers in their contribution to addressing the grand societal challenges of climate change, healthcare in the face of the ongoing pandemic, transition to carbon-neutral and circular economy and a rapid digital transformation of the manufacturing industries. The EFCE will also need to adjust to new ways of working with its members and ensure that they can continue exchanging good practice and maintain networking in the rapidly changing environment caused by pandemic restrictions.

In addition to the three (Vice-)Presidents, EFCE welcomes two newly-elected trustees to the Executive Board who are Antonis Kokossis (Greece) and Tomasz Sosnowski (Poland), together with Andreas Förster, the new CEO of DECHEMA and newly appointed representative of the General Secretariat in Frankfurt.

They are joining the re-elected trustees, Elisabetta Brunazzi (Italy), Michael Considine (United Kingdom), Antoon ten Kate (The Netherlands), Alexis Pey Torruella (Spain), Patrick Piccione (Switzerland), Álvaro Ramirez-Gomez (Spain), Maurizio Rovaglio (Italy), Eric Schaer (France), and Michael Wilk (Germany). and the appointed trustees Andreas Förster (DECHEMA), François Nicol (SFGP), and Jon Prichard (IChemE) who represented the three EFCE General Secretariats.

Retiring from the Executive Board at the end of 2021 are: Thaddeus Anim-Somuah (Belgium), Adisa Azapagic (United Kingdom), Ferenc Friedler (Hungary), Hilke Lorenz (Switzerland) and Willi Meier (Germany – since September 2021).

EFCE is very grateful for the hard work and the many hours of their time all members of the Executive Board have spent working on behalf of the Federation and would like to cordially thank them for their effort.

The out-going President, Dr. Hermann J. Feise, congratulated the new elected President, the Vice-Presidents and the members of the Board of Trustees. He said: "I am very grateful that EFCE will have a great team to lead it though the next two years. The new team is excellently placed to shape the restart after the pandemic and deepen our relationship with ESBES."

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