# **UNION of INTERNATIONAL FAIRS**



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# General Assembly Elections Reflect New UFI Spirit

**Paris, France:** Via its 234 member organisations, including 35 international and national associations, UFI (Union of International Fairs) is present in 73 countries in 148 cities on 5 continents. UFI members organize 640 "UFI Approved" trade fairs and exhibitions around the world.

As it strives to be more responsive to the needs of its members and to guarantee policy continuity, UFI members voted at their Annual General Assembly held in Munich to create the position of "Incoming President". The role of this new position is to assist UFI's President in developing and implementing an effective, on-going UFI strategy. Ruud van Ingen, (Chairman of the Board, Jaarbeurs, Utrecht) was unanimously selected by UFI's Steering Committee to take on this role for 2002-2003. He will second Sandy Angus (Chairman, Montgomery Exhibitions, London) who continues his current mandate as UFI President until October 2003.

UFI's General Assembly elected new members to its Steering Committee. This UFI management body is responsible for the development of the organization's worldwide exhibition industry policy. The following Steering Committee members have been elected as UFI Vice Presidents: Mathias Treinen (Luxembourg), Dante Stefani (Bologna), Juan Garaiyurrebaso (Bilbao), Prof. Dr. Klaus E. Goehrmann (Hanover), John Shaw (COMEXPO Paris), Ruud van Ingen (Utrecht). Pentti Kivinen (Helsinki) was elected as UFI Treasurer. (*The names of the 2002-2003 UFI Steering and Executive Committee members are attached*.)

UFI's Regional Chapters voted for their organizations selecting Hisham El-Haddad (AUIEC, Cairo) as UFI Africa Chairman. Michael Duck (CMP Asia, Hong Kong) was elected Chairman of the UFI Asia/Australasia/Middle East Chapter with Vice Chairmen Nobuo Ogawa, (JMA, Tokyo), Chen Ruowei (Mrs.), (CEIC, Beijing) and Imad Al-Zou'bi (PEIFE, Damascus). The UFI Europe Chapter elected Jochen Witt (KolnMesse, Cologne) as Chairman and Vice Chairmen Ruud van Ingen (Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs, Utrecht), Corrado Peraboni (Fondazione Fiera Milano, Milan) and Sergei Alexeev (Lenexpo, Saint Petersburg).

UFI's Associations Committee elected Boguslaw Zalewski (Poznan) as Chairman and Dr. Hermann Kresse (AUMA) as Vice-Chairman.

Attached: List of UFI Steering Committee Members

List of UFI Executive Committee Members

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## **UFI Steering Committee 2002/2003**

**President of UFI:** 

Sandy Angus (Montgomery Exhibitions, London)

#### **Counsellors:**

### **Trade fair/exhibition organizers:**

(Luxembourg) Mathias Treinen - Vice-President -(Bologna) - Vice-President -Dante **Stefani** Juan Garaiyurrebaso - Vice-President -(Bilbao) Prof. Dr. Klaus E. **Goehrmann** - Vice-President -(Hanover) (COMEXPO Paris)

John Shaw - Vice-President -Ruud G. van Ingen - Vice-President -(Utrecht)

Pentti **Kivinen** - Treasurer -(Helsinki) Mohammad Al-Gharabally (Kuwait) Imad Al-Zou'bi (Damascus)

Dr. Aleksandar Andrejevic (Novi Sad) Tom **Beyer** (Stockholm)

Michael Breet (Reed, London/Richmond) Lorenzo Cagnoni (Rimini) Fernando Caldeira Santos (Lisbon)

Dr. Camillo Cametti (Verona) (CIEC, Beijing) Chen Ruowei George Cojocaru (Bucharest) Jorge Cruz (Braga)

Igor **Denissow** (EXPOCENTR, Moscow) Werner M. Dornscheidt (Leipzig) Rachid Gasmi (Algiers)

Jean-Pierre Gilson (Brussels) (IFEMA, Madrid) Juan Carlos Gomez Josep Gual Balmanya (Barcelona) Raimund Hosch (Berlin) Yves **Hunckler** (Lyon) Dr. Laszlo Ivanyi (Budapest) Jean-Luc Joly (SIAE, Paris)

François-Bernard Martin (Bordeaux) Hanspeter Meyer (Zurich) Wilhelm **Niedergöker** (Messe Düsseldorf)

Corrado Peraboni (Fondazione Fiera di Milano, Milan)

Juan Puchalt Sanchis (Valencia) Rafael F. Roldan Munoz (Quito) Jiri **Skrla** (Brno) Rafael Talavera (Lima)

(SES, Singapore) Stephen Tan Michael von Zitzewitz (Messe Frankfurt) Manfred Wutzlhofer (Messe München)

# **UFI Steering Committee (continued)**

Owners/managers of exhibition centres
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member elected by the Ordinary General Assembly:

Cliff Wallace (Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Hong Kong)

## Associate members (associations):

members elected by the Associations Committee:

Boguslaw Zalewski

(Polish Trade Fair Corporation, - Chairman of the Associations Committee -Poznan) Dr. Hermann Kresse (AUMA, Berlin)

- Vice-Chairman of the Associations Committee -

**Regional Chapters:** 

members elected by their respective Chapters:

**AAME:** Michael Duck (CMP Asia Ltd., Hong Kong)

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(Asia/Australasia/Middle East) - Chairman of the Chapter -

Africa: Hisham **El-Haddad** (AUIEC, Cairo)

- Chairman of the Chapter -

**Europe:** Jochen Witt (KölnMesse, Cologne)

- Chairman of the Chapter -

**Immediate Past President:** 

Prof. Dr. Manfred Busche Honorary President of UFI (Berlin)

**UFI Managing Director:** 

Vincent **Gérard** (Paris)



## **UFI Executive Committee 2002/2003**

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**President of UFI:** 

Sandy **Angus** (Montgomery Exhibitions, London)

**Vice-Presidents:** Mathias **Treinen** (Luxembourg) (Bologna) (Bilbao) Dante **Stefani** Juan Garaiyurrebaso (Hanover) (COMEXPO Paris) (Utrecht) Prof. Dr. Klaus E. Goehrmann John **Shaw** 

Ruud G. van Ingen

Honorary President of UFI: Prof. Dr. Manfred Busche

(Berlin)

<u>Treasurer:</u> Pentti **Kivinen** (Helsinki)

<u>UFI Managing Director:</u> Vincent **Gérard** (Paris)