

UFI announces results of Chapter Leadership Elections

Paris – 18 June 2020: UFI, The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, is announcing the results of the elections for leadership in its four regional chapters around the world. The elected industry leaders will begin their three-year mandate in November.

The future Chapter Chairs are:

- For Asia-Pacific: David Zhong (VNU Exhibitions Asia, China)
- For Europe: Andreas Gruchow (Deutsche Messe AG, Germany)
- For Latin America: José Navarro Meneses (Tarsus Mexico)
- For Middle East/Africa: Albert Aoun (IFP, Lebanon)

The UFI members also elected three Vice Chairs for each chapter. These are:

- For Asia-Pacific: Rita Chu (1st Vice Chair, Adsale Exhibition Services, HK), Panittha Buri (BITEC, Thailand), Emilia Shih (TAITRA, Taiwan)
- For Europe: David Boon (1st Vice Chair, Brussels Expo, Belgium), Albert Arp (Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs, Netherlands), Antonio Bruzzone (BolognaFiere, Italy)
- For Latin America: Raul Strauss Justiniano (1st Vice Chair, Fexpocruz, Bolivia), Fernando Gorbarán (Messe Frankfurt Argentina), João De Nagy (World Trade Center São Paulo, Brasil)
- For Middle East / Africa: Said Salim Al Shanfari (1st Vice Chair, Oman Convention & Exhibition Centre), Craig Newman (Johannesburg Expo Centre, South Africa), Mohammed Al Hussaini (Riyadh Exhibitions Co, Saudi Arabia)

“These year’s Chapter Leadership elections saw a record number of excellent candidates from all around the world, so our members had to make hard choices. Congratulations to all the colleagues who have been re-elected or newly elected. And a very special thank you to all the candidates who put their names forward – the strength of an association lies in its members”, says Mary Larkin, UFI President.

The Chapter Chairs work with UFI to deliver events, education, research, and advocacy for the members in their respective region. They also represent the respective chapters in both the UFI Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

Attachments: Portrait pictures of the chapter chairs.

- [David Zhong](#)
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About UFI – The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry: UFI is the global trade association of the world’s tradeshow organisers and exhibition centre operators, as well as the major national and international exhibition associations, and selected partners of the exhibition industry. UFI’s main goal is to represent, promote and support the business interests of its members and the exhibition industry. UFI directly represents more than 50,000 exhibition industry employees globally, and also works closely with its 60 national and regional association members. More than 800 member organisations in 88 countries around the world are presently signed up as members. Around 1,000 international trade fairs proudly bear the UFI approved label, a quality guarantee for visitors and exhibitors alike. UFI members continue to provide the international business community with a unique marketing media aimed at developing outstanding face-to-face business opportunities.

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