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Federation of European Movers Associations (FEDEMAC) e.V.

Arnaldo Righetti is the new President of FEDEMAC Members celebrate the 50th anniversary of the umbrella association of the European moving industry

The Federation of European Movers Associations (FEDEMAC) e.V. elected Arnaldo Righetti as their new President at the General Assembly on 21 November 2009 in Brussels, Belgium. Righetti, from Italy, succeeds Lucien Pot who has just completed a 3-year presidential term. Pot, from The Netherlands, will continue to serve on the FEDEMAC Board.

(Brussels, Belgium, 21 November 2009) – Arnaldo Righetti is one of the co-founders of the fast-growing Italian removers' association, A.I.T.I., and has been on the Board of FEDEMAC since November 2006. After his election as President, Righetti thanked the members for their faith in him. "I accept my election willingly. I will support FEDEMAC's interests and issues wholeheartedly and I will continue Lucien Pot's successful job", he stated.

Ute Hannich from Germany, Klaus Moericke from Spain and Carl Bohn from Denmark have all ended their time on the Board. Ute Hannich has been part of the Board since 1998 and became the Treasurer nine years ago; a position which she held for a number of years. Earlier, she was working as the Head of FEDEMAC's office before leaving to join the management team in the family moving company. Klaus Moericke has been a Board Member since 1993. He also served as Treasurer between 1997 and 2000 before becoming President of FEDEMAC for the years 2000 to 2002. Carl Bohn has been a member of the FEDEMAC Board since November 2003.

The remaining Board members from Ireland (Denis Caulfield), Latvia (Aivars Usans) and The Netherlands (Lucien Pot) as the treasurer were all re-elected to serve a further term. However, changes are now in store for the Federation as several new members have also been elected to the Board. The new Board Members are Sabine Hartmann from Germany, Stephen Vickers from United Kingdom and Roberto Megia Rodriguez from Spain.

The new line up ensures that FEDEMAC remains totally 'European' a wide representation of the moving industry.

Preceding this year's General Assembly, FEDEMAC's members, along with many guests, proudly celebrated the Federation's 50th Anniversary with a grand event. It was fitting for the event to be held in Brussels, Europe's unofficial capital, as this is where the 'birth' of the Federation took place. Delegates and guests were each presented with a booklet,

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encompassing the history of FEDEMAC throughout the past fifty years, which had been researched and published to commemorate the Anniversary.

About FEDEMAC

FEDEMAC was founded in 1959 when a number of forward thinking National Removers Associations within Europe formed a coalition in order to exchange views and information. FEDEMAC's main function is to co-ordinate national activities at a European level. Much of this work is centred on lobbying at the EU Parliament and Commission; liaising with national associations and other trade organisations such as the IRU, MPE, WCO and BEUC; and undertaking other activities at national and EU level as appropriate. FEDEMAC works continuously towards the harmonisation of working methods, quality standards, training and co-operation within the Moving industry. Communication, magazines, newsletters, directories and the use of modern IT tools form an important part of this work. Today it represents the interests of around 4,000 Professional Removals Companies in 25 European countries.

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