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Hermann Feise confirmed as new EFCE President

New Vice-Presidents and new trustees to join Executive Board in 2018

EFCE will begin 2018 with a new President, new Executive and Scientific Vice-Presidents, and an influx of new trustees to its Executive Board, following elections held at the Executive Board meeting and General Assembly during the World Congress in Barcelona.

Dr. Hermann Feise, manager for R&D Cooperations with BASF and a member of DECHEMA, was elected as the next President of EFCE. He will begin his two-year term on 1 January 2018. Feise first joined the EFCE Executive Board in 2008, serving as Scientific Vice-President from 2008 to 2012 and then as a co-opted member and trustee until now. His priorities for his Presidency are increasing the visibility and influence of EFCE outside the chemical engineering community, developing new activities in emerging chemical engineering trends, and improving the efficiency of EFCE's administration.

He said: "To prepare EFCE for the future, we have to find new ways of working together, such that the young generation of chemical engineers can cooperate throughout Europe in a manner, which suits their way of working."

EFCE's new Scientific Vice-President will be Professor David Bogle, professor of chemical engineering and Pro-Vice-Provost of the Doctoral School at University College London, as well as a Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers and a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering. Bogle is a long-serving member of the CAPE Working Party and was its deputy chair from 2003 to 2008. He is planning to use the vision and vigour of the Working Parties to strengthen EFCE's links with industry bodies such as CEFIC and SPIRE and will work towards strengthening EFCE's voice at European Government level.

He commented: "I am looking forward to bringing Working Parties together to tackle Grand Challenges that confront society where Chemical Engineers can contribute. I am also keen to review how Europe's Universities have the capacity and staff to produce the skills that we need."

Giorgio Veronesi, who spent his career in the Engineering and Construction business and is currently Commercial Manager with Techint in Milan and member of the Executive Committee of AIDIC, was elected as the next Executive Vice-President of EFCE. Veronesi first joined the Executive Board in 2016 as a trustee. As the Executive VP role focuses primarily on ensuring the administration and policies of EFCE, Veronesi will in particular oversee budgeting and forecasting, general management and allocation of resources.

He sees EFCE's key challenges as promoting the cross-fertilization between academia and industry, adapting to a fast-moving society, facilitating the access to new job opportunities of students and young chemical engineers, and identifying and exploiting the opportunities that smart manufacturing will bring to EFCE members.

In addition to the presidential triumvirate, EFCE welcomes a number of new trustees to the Executive Board. Newly-elected Trustees are: Adisa Azapagic (University of Manchester/ICChemE), Antoon ten Kate (Akzo Nobel/KIVI & KNCV), Ferenc Friedler (Pázmány Péter Catholic University /Hungarian Chemical Society), Laure Helard (PROFLUID /SFGP), Michael Wilk (Merck/DECHEMA), Patrick Piccione (Syngenta/SGVC) and Petr Kluson (Czech Academy of Sciences/Czech Society of Chemical Engineering). They are joining Bent Sarup (Alfa Laval/ Ingeniørforeningen i Danmark), Carlos Negro (Complutense University of Madrid/Anque), Flavio Manenti (Politecnico di Milano/AIDIC), Michael Considine (University of Sheffield/ICChemE), Jerzy Baldyga (Warsaw University of Technology/Polish Association of Chemical Engineers), Willi Meier (DECHEMA), Jean-Pierre Dal Pont (SFGP) and Claudia Flavell-While (ICChemE).

Retiring from the Executive Board at the end of 2017 are: Bülent Atamer (Terralab/Turkish Chamber of Chemical Engineers), Wridzer Bakker (Plantics/ KIVI & KNCV), Jiří Drahoš (Czech Academy of Sciences/Czech Society of Chemical Engineering), Emilia Kondili (Technological Educational Institute of Piraeus/Technical Chamber of Greece), Jean-Marc Le Lann (Ensiacet/SFGP), François Nicol (Veolia/SFGP), Andreas Schreiner (Novartis/SGVC), Eva Sorensen (University College London/ICChemE), and Bruno Zelić (University of Zagreb/Croatian Society of Chemical Engineers).

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 thank them for their effort.

The out-going President, Professor Rafiqul Gani congratulated the new elected President, the Vice Presidents and the members of the Board of Trustees. He said: "I look forward to their ongoing efforts to ensure that EFCE serves the member societies, promotes industry-academia collaboration, motivates young engineers to participate more in EFCE activities and contributes to meeting the current and future challenges that confronts society."

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