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This year’s General Assembly on 12 May 2016 had the regular election of Executive Board on its agenda. With some long-standing members not up for re-election and a number of not yet as well-known candidates to replace them, it was a feeling between sad farewell and expectant welcome. After the discharge of the outgoing and before the election of the new Executive Board, Andreas Weir took it therefore to **thank the outgoing Executive Board members on behalf the General Assembly for their engagement**. Not meaning to diminish the support received by **Erwan Dupuy, Eric Bergé** and last but not least **Neil Beningfield**, who had sent their apologies and could unfortunately not attend the meeting, Andreas specially thanked **Jonas Cronquist and Carlos Duarte** for standing in as interim Presidents unhesitatingly when they were needed. Presenting both with a small gift of gratitude he assured that **“EMO will keep your good spirit and last but not least your engagement for EMO in good memory”**.

The five candidates that had been nominated prior to the meeting were unanimously elected to the Executive Board for a 2-year term. In a brief meeting after the General Assembly the Executive Board members that were present appointed **Andreas Weir** (Sto SE & Co. KGaA / IWM) as **President** and **Bas Huysmans** (Saint-Gobain Weber Beamix B.V. / NeMO) as **Vice-President**. Furthermore, they agreed to appoint **the second Vice-President at the next Executive Board meeting**.



Andreas Weier
- President -



Bas Huysmans
- Vice-President -



Guillaume Latil



Niklas Sievert



Steven Large

Luis Silva, the chairman of the EMO TC, **reported** to the General Assembly amongst other topics **about the drafting process of the CEN TC Dashboards**. This task **includes as a starting point the identification of common positions** and thus has generated **an important and valuable internal debate**. This debate and internal consultation of positions will carry on, as the Dashboards are continuously developed as living documents. While the drafting of the Dashboards had been a key priority over the last months, Luis reminded of other important tasks that were put on hold but must not be forgotten.

Building upon his reports the previous day during the EMO TC meeting, **Antonio Caballero González presented an update on the “Let’s take the initiative now” project and reported about recent, alarming changes of view of the European Commission regarding** the content and the role of product standards as well as **standardisation** in general. He stressed the importance to fight “this next big battle” to preserve the original value of standards and the industry’s control in this process.

In view of APFAC’s termination of membership by the end of 2016, **Carlos Duarte took the opportunity to address a few words to “his friends in EMO”**. In an emotional speech he reminded of former personalities of the industry that moved on, retired or sadly passed away, but who all played a successful role in shaping EMO. Addressing the participants and sending his regards to the “friends and estimated colleagues” who could not attend the General Assembly in Munich he wished them **all the best and much success in further developing EMO and “navigating the industry through challenging times”**. The speech was rounded off by **Hans-Joachim Riechers personal thanks to Carlos for “long years of friendship and good cooperation”**.

As a **provisional date**, in case an **extraordinary General Assembly** should become necessary, the General Assembly agreed to block
17 November 2016 in Duisburg

The **next ordinary General Assembly** will be held on
4/5 May 2017 in Luxembourg
as usual in combination with a meeting of the EMO TC.

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