

FTTH Council Europe elects new board

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The Fibre-to-the-Home Council Europe (FTTH) announces its newly elected board of directors. Professor Hartwig Tauber of the IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems (Austria) serves as the new President of the council. Jan de Groot (OFS) was elected as treasurer and Francisco Fuentes (Cisco) as secretary general. Additional members of the board are Steven King (Emtelle), Jean-Pierre Lartigue (Alcatel), Martin McCourt (Corning) and Torbjörn Sundqvist (Ericsson). The aim of the FTTH council Europe is to accelerate fibre to the home deployment in Europe by education and promotion and thereby enhancing the quality of life of EU citizens. In this context, the FTTH Council Europe will host its annual conference "Europe at the Speed of Light. It's Fibre...Let's Make it Happen!" on Feb 2 and 3, 2005 in Amsterdam.

Hartwig Tauber has extensive experience in new services and content projects for broadband networks. He studied at the Technical University Vienna/University Vienna and worked as a consultant for WBS Ltd, a consulting company with a focus on internet, telecommunication and new media. In 2003 he was appointed Professor for e-Business management at the IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems, Austria.

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Francisco Fuentes has worked for Cisco since 1996. Before his current function as Senior Manager Technology Strategy he worked in different roles, including Consultant for the SP market, Manager of the consultant team and Senior Manager of the IP Carrier Group. Prior to Cisco he worked for AT&T Bell Labs, Andersen Consulting (now Accenture) and Olivetti Network and Systems.

Steven King works as Managing Director UK for Emtelle. He has an extensive range of installation and infrastructure deployment experience and expertise.

He worked as a technical expert and national delegate (UK) for the development of CENELEC EN 50086/2/4 and as industry specialist for Code of Practice for Laying of Underground Conduits for Telecommunications.

Jean-Pierre Lartigue is Vice President Marketing & Communications of Alcatel's Access Networking activities. He has previously been in charge of Business Strategy for the Fixed Network activities of Alcatel. Prior to joining Alcatel, Jean-Pierre Lartigue worked as Manager in the management consulting firm the Boston Consulting Group.

Martin McCourt is Vice President and General Manager of Corning Cable Systems Project Management and Installation Services business unit. Martin has a twenty year history in fibre optics with Corning, having worked in photonics, fibre, cable and services. He has occupied roles in R&D, Production, Sales & Marketing, M&A and General Management.

Torbjorn Sundqvist is Director Business Development at Ericsson Network Technologies, focusing on passive infrastructure in Fibre Access. Torbjörn has been President of a Cable distribution company and President of a company in Automated Fusion splicing. Before taking up his present position he was Director Global Marketing and sales of Fiber optic cables and telecom-related products. He joined Ericsson in 1986.

FTTH Council Europe

The Fibre-to-the-Home (FTTH) Council Europe is a market development organization whose mission is to educate, promote, and accelerate the deployment of fibre in access and the resulting quality-of-life enhancements.

The council offers an industry focal point to members where they can apply critical thinking to FTTH technologies and applications. Using this input, the council keeps members informed about industry trends, shares success stories, and provides quality speakers through its speaker's bureau. The council's objectives are to supply a consistent and accurate view of FTTH, promote FTTH market development and be recognized by the industry as the FTTH resource.

The FTTH Council Europe's annual conference "Europe at the Speed of Light. It's Fibre...Let's Make it Happen!" will take place on Feb 2 and 3, 2005 in Amsterdam. This conference is one of Europe's most important events discussing the latest fibre deployments in Europe. The conference features presentations, case studies, and interactive discussions of special interest, provided by industry experts from around the world. In addition, an exhibitors' hall will provide visitors with the opportunity to see first hand the latest technologies and solutions ready to make fibre happen here in Europe.

The European FTTH council consists of 40 leading companies in the broadband industry and works closely together with the FTTH Council of North America and APAC. For more information: www.europeftthcouncil.com (M2 Presswire - Decemver 7, 2004)