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## UFI Selects New Incoming-President

June 13, 2005 – Paris: The UFI Board of Directors, meeting in Lake Como, Italy, has decided that, effective October 2005, the next UFI President's Triumvirate will be composed of :

Tom Beyer (Stockholmsmässan, Sweden) , President  
Jochen Witt (KölnMesse GmbH, Germany), Incoming President  
Ruud van Ingen (Foundation Royal Dutch Jaarbeurs, NL), Outgoing President.

This decision becomes effective at the UFI Annual Congress to be held in Moscow from October 19, 2004 and is effective for the 2005/2006 one year term of office.

UFI has found that this Presidential trio provides for strong management continuity. It also enables the association to represent the exhibition sector at a greater number of international industry events and activities.

With this announcement UFI has thus ensured that Witt can move seamlessly into the position of UFI President for the term 2006/2007, following upon Tom Beyer's mandate as UFI President.

Witt has been an active member of UFI since 2001 playing a key role on UFI's Business Management Committee. In addition he has served as Chairman of UFI's European Chapter and, since 2004, as UFI Executive Vice President.

Ruud van Ingen, UFI President, commented, "it's been my pleasure to work with Jochen Witt on a number of different UFI programmes. I look forward to having him join us as we take UFI forward to new levels of success."

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Please find attached the CV and photo of Mr. Jochen Witt for your use.

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