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New IFMA EMEA Board of Directors Takes Office, focuses on Facility Management Expansion in Europe, Middle East and Africa

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Brussels – IFMA EMEA, the regional organization for Europe, Middle East and Africa of the global International Facility Management Association (IFMA), has carried out its annual governance renewal as the new members of its Board of Directors have taken office today.

- Peter Prischl, Principal Consultant & Managing Director, afondo GmbH (Austria), begins his one-year term as Board Chair.
- Dr. Hayan Sayed, Independent Board Director & Chairman of the Executive Committee, SRACO (UAE), is Vice Chair.
- Njom Jared, Associate Director for Real Estate, Facilities Management & General Administration, Equity Bank Limited (Kenya), is Second Vice Chair.





Left to right: IFMA EMEA Board Chair Peter Prischl; Vice Chair Dr. Hayan Sayed; Second Vice Chair Jared Njom

The following new board members will serve three-year terms:
- Mohamed Saadeh, General Manager, Darwish Interserve Facility Management (Qatar)
- Habinuchi Owhondah, Country Manager, CBRE Excellerate (Nigeria)
- Astrid Keibel, Head of FM, Security & Sustainability, Nokia (Germany)
- Talal Rajab, Chief Commercial Officer, SRG (Saudi Arabia)
- Carmen Castellano, Strategic Account Executive, Quantum Metric (Spain).







Left to right: Mohamed Saadeh; Habinuchi Owhondah; Astrid Keibel; Talal Rajab; Carmen Castellano

“Our new Board of Directors, with new and continuing members, represents the people and practice of Facility Management in the huge and diverse region of Europe, Middle East and Africa. We pledge to focus on bringing FM awareness as well as FM competencies, networks and career opportunities to even more people”, said IFMA EMEA Chair Peter Prischl.

“I thank every outgoing board member”, said IFMA EMEA Managing Director Lara Paemen, “for their years of engagement that helped IFMA EMEA become the fastest growing region for IFMA:

- Jos Duchamps (Belgium),
- Jan Dunkelberg (Germany),
- Linda Pate (United States),
- Jaime Pire (Spain),
- Helena Skjeld (Sweden).

What we accomplished — together with highly motivated members, chapters and partners —brought new local programs, global events and industry-wide best practices to FM professionals in Europe, Middle East and Africa. Our newly formed board will build on that impact”.

Managing Director Lara Paemen, IFMA President & CEO Michael V. Geary, CAE.
Former Chair, Erik Jaspers, IFMA Fellow (Netherlands) will become immediate Past Chair.

About IFMA EMEA
IFMA EMEA serves the needs of national IFMA Chapters and the FM professionals who are their members. IFMA EMEA AISBL, an International Non-Profit Association incorporated in Brussels, builds strong Facility Management (FM) communities by providing regional programs in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, tailored to regional cultures and priorities. IFMA EMEA partners with industry-related stakeholders and associations in these regions, develops relations and engages in programs with the European Union (EU) as well as regional institutions in Middle East and Africe to ensure the impact of Facility Management. For more information, visit emea.ifma.org.

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