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PRESS RELEASE

ECTAA elects new President and welcomes a new Member

The General Assembly of ECTAA elected a new President, Mr. Lars Thykier, Managing Director of the Danish Travel Agents' Association, for a 2 year term. He is succeeding Mr. Boris Zgomba, President of the Croatian Travel Agents' Association, who will continue as one of six Vice-Presidents of ECTAA.

Welcoming Mr Thykier's election, the Secretary General, Mr. Michel de Blust, said: "Mr. Thykier brings a lot of experience to the association. He has been a Board member of ECTAA since 2002 and is actively involved in the work of the European association. Moreover, Mr. Thykier is also Chairman of WTAAA, the World Travel Agents' Associations' Alliance, representing the European travel agents' community at international level."

Said newly elected President, Mr. Thykier: "It am very pleased to take the Chairmanship of the European Association. I am looking forward to continuing the work with our Members and our industry partners to drive forward the industry priorities at European and international level."

The General Assembly was also the occasion to welcome a new Member within ECTAA, the Lithuanian association NTVA, National Tourism Business Association. This will bring the ECTAA membership to 33 national associations in 31 European countries, of which 27 are EU Member States, 2 EU candidate countries and 2 EEA/EFTA countries.

The General Assembly was held on 5 June 2014 in Ponta Delgada, the Azores, which is the Preferred Destination of ECTAA in 2014. The meeting was hosted by the Azores Tourism Board and organised with the help of the Portuguese Travel Agents' Association, APAVT, who welcomed the 59 head delegation coming from all parts of Europe.

ECTAA regroups the national associations of travel agents and tour operators of 31 European countries, of which 27 are within the European Union, and represents 80.000 enterprises.

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