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New FEPPD Council elected at the AGM 2004 in Athens

At the Annual General Meeting of the FEPPD, 28/29.05.2004 in Athens, Jürgen Schwichtenberg, former Vice-President of the FEPPD, was elected new President of the FEPPD. Mr. Schwichtenberg, who is also the Vice-President of the German federation of Dental Technician Laboratory Owners VDZI, was elected unanimously by the national dental technician federations that are the members of the FEPPD.

As the four other members of the Council of the FEPPD were elected: David Smith (United Kingdom), the former President of the FEPPD was elected unanimously as the new Vice-President for the consequent 3-years-term. Paolo Battaglia (Italy), a delegate from the Italian federation ANTLO, was also elected Vice-President. Torstein Wremer (Norway), proposed as the joint Scandinavian candidate, was elected Treasurer of the FEPPD. Finally, Michel Rey (Switzerland), was re-elected as a Secretary-General following the proposal of the new Council. As the official FEPPD Auditors for 2005 were elected Helmar Klutke (Germany) and Greger Oxhammer (Sweden).

The new president Jürgen Schwichtenberg defines the unity of the FEPPD and the continuity of the work as his primary goals. This will be ensured by the current mandates of the FEPPD in the UEAPME Health Care Forum and the EU Medical Device Expert Group (David Smith) as well as in NORMAPME and CEN (Jürgen Schwichtenberg). The most important working fields of the FEPPD in the following years will be the harmonisation of dental technician issues within the EU (Medical Device Directive, education, occupational standards, quality management etc.) and the continuity of the successful political lobbying work of the FEPPD in Brussels towards the EU Institutions and other SME organisations.

Another highlight of the AGM was the unanimous acceptance of the Bulgarian Dental Technician Union as a new corresponding member of the FEPPD.

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