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Europatat Commission meetings and AGM, 1 June 2016, Brussels

New Europatat Board elected

Today, in advance of the 2016 Congress that this year will be celebrated together with Freshfel Europe on 2 of June, Europatat celebrated its Commission meetings and its 68th Assembly General Meeting. A new Board has been elected by the membership to channel and lead the association for the coming next years.

Participants today had the opportunity to review the different activities of Europatat during the well-attended meetings of the various Europatat Commissions (RUCIP, ware potatoes & early potatoes, and seed potatoes, packers & technical and regulatory issues). This networking and policy meeting was dedicated to catching-up on recent policy developments impacting the potato sector, such as a review on recent production and trade trends, consumption and promotion of potatoes under the recently adopted legislation, the plant health reform, and other relevant related topics.

At the AGM held in the afternoon, the annual activity report was introduced and the Association's accounts were approved by the members. Further, a new board has been elected. Europatat welcomes re-elected member, Jos Muyshondt as new Europatat President, as well as Domenico Citterio and Gilles Fontaine in the role of vice-president and treasurer respectively.

Simultaneously, Europatat wants to warmly thank the outgoing president and vice-president, Kees van Arendonk and Thomas Herkenrath, for their committed, valuable and much appreciated work and contributions over the past six years.

This first part of the meeting will continue tonight with the opening of the common event with a Gala dinner at the Residence Palace in Brussels. For this welcoming event more than 170 participants are expected, including members of both associations, sponsors, representatives of the European Parliament and the European Commission.

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Note to the Editors: Europatat is the European Potato Trade Association, representing the interests of the seed and ware potato traders in Europe. Europatat currently has over 40 members, including both companies and associations. For more information, contact the association at secretariat@europatat.eu or visit the association website www.europatat.eu.

