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## The 73rd UFI General Assembly Convenes in Beijing

UFI Announces 2006/2007 Presidential Trio,  
New Board, New Members and New Fee System

*November 9, 2006 – Paris/Beijing:* UFI, the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, is gathering industry leaders from around the world in Beijing from November 8-11, for its 73<sup>rd</sup> Congress. The Annual General Assembly presided by Tom Beyer, UFI President 2005/2006, reviewed the results of the current year. The UFI Membership confirmed the association's action plan for 2006-2007 which includes several major changes to its internal organisation. A new fee system reducing subscription fees at a number of levels, a new geographic distribution system for Board seat allocations, and a budget to support the new programmes and services which have now been approved.

A number of programme initiatives were approved for the coming year including a higher education programme for exhibition professionals, 6 international seminars, the creation of a UFI Chapter for the Americas, industry research and analysis on both global and regional levels, and industry sector promotion.

Jochen Witt, UFI's new President (Koelnmesse, Cologne, Germany), took over the floor from outgoing UFI President Tom Beyer (Stockholmsmässan, Stockholm, Sweden). Witt has been an active member of UFI since 1999, serving as Chairman of UFI's European Chapter and, since 2004, as UFI Executive Vice President.

UFI's Board of Directors elected Cliff Wallace, Managing Director of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC), as Incoming UFI President (2007/2008). In their capacity as Executive Vice-Presidents during the coming 2006/2007 term, Wallace, and outgoing UFI President Tom Beyer, will provide continuity and support to Jochen Witt. The UFI Presidential term of one year builds on a three year UFI Presidential cycle: one year as Incoming-President (Executive Vice-President), one year as President, and one year as Past-President (Executive Vice-President.)

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Witt announced the selection of Cliff Wallace saying, "This choice reflects UFI's strong commitment to developing more synergies between venue management and exhibition organisers to strengthen the positive experience that can be realised by the exhibitors and buyers participating in global exhibitions. Further, it indicates the UFI commitment to the Asia-Pacific region, a commitment which UFI made when opening its first regional office in Hong Kong in 2004."

Members of UFI, The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, also approved the admission of new members bringing the association to 334 members. Membership in UFI is based on adherence to an exhibition industry code of ethics ensuring best practice throughout its international membership. The UFI General Assembly bestowed the internationally recognized UFI Approved quality label on a select group of international exhibitions. All UFI Approved events must regularly audit and certify their event statistics.

The 348 delegates attending this prestigious annual event include exhibition organizers, venue operators, national exhibition associations and partners of the industry from 48 countries. This year's event is hosted by two UFI members, the China International Exhibition Center Group Corporation (CIEC, Beijing) and the China Association for Exhibition Centers (CAEC). UFI announced that its 74th Annual Congress will be held in France from 24-27 October, 2007.

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Attached please find :

- The full list of organisations approved for UFI Membership in 2006;
- The list of newly recognized UFI Approved Events for the same period;
- The list of UFI Regional Chapter Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen;

*UFI, The Global Association of the Exhibition Industry, promotes, serves and represents the trade fair and exhibition industry worldwide. Via its \_\_\_ member organisations, including the world's leading show organisers and fairground owners, \_\_\_ professional associations and \_\_\_ industry partners, UFI is present in 75 countries on 5 continents. UFI Members are responsible for the management and operation of over 4,500 exhibitions around the world.*

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## Organisations approved for UFI Membership in 2006

Admission of 29 new members by the UFI Board of Directors  
(including the applications submitted to the Board of Directors in Beijing on 8 November)

### 1. FULL MEMBERS

#### 1.1. 16 trade fair/exhibition organizers with 21 UFI approved events

- **CCPIT Changchun Sub-Council**, Chanchun (PR China), with:
  - **China Changchun International Automobile Expo**
- **Allied Expo**, Damascus (Syria), with:
  - **SYROIL**,  
The Syrian International Oil & Gas Exhibition
- **Expocenter "METEOR" Ltd.**, Dnepropetrovsk (Ukraine), with:
  - **Mashprom**  
**International Specialized Exhibition of Machinery Industry**
- **Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd.**, Hong Kong (PR China), with:
  - **The International Exhibition on Plastic and Rubber Industries (CHINAPLAS)**
  - **The International Exhibition on Woodworking Machinery and Furniture Manufacturing Equipment**
  - **Yiwu International Exhibition on Hosiery and Garment Industries**
  - **The China International Exhibition on Packaging Machinery and Materials**
  - **The South China International Exhibition and Symposium on Pre-press and Printing Industries**
  - **The International Exhibition on Electric Power Equipment and Technology**
- **IFExecutives - Edições e Formação**, Lisbon (Portugal), with:
  - **ENOVIT**  
Salão Profissional de Tecnicas e Equipamentos para Viticultura e Enologia
- **Progourmet, S.A. - Grupo Gourmets**, Madrid (Spain), with:
  - **Salon Internacional del Club de Gourmets (Salon des Gourmets)**
- **MEDI Expo**, Moscow (Russia), with:
  - **Care Mother & Child**
- **Sibico International Ltd.**, Moscow (Russia), with:
  - **ECWATECH**  
International Trade Fair & Congress "Water, Ecology and Technology"
- **RLP - Yamarka Ltd.**, Moscow (Russia), with:
  - **International Fair "Leather, Footware, Fur, Technology"**
- **The Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council**, Mumbai (India), with:
  - **India International Jewellery Show- IIJS**

## Organisations approved for UFI Membership in 2006 (continued)

- **Mack Brooks Exhibitions Ltd.**, St. Albans (United Kingdom), with:
  - **EuroBLECH**  
International Sheet Metal Working Technology Exhibition
- **Desy Exhibition Co. Ltd.**, Shenzhen (PR China), with:
  - **Shenzhen International Furniture, Home Decoration, Material and Accessory Exhibition**
- **Shenzhen CPSE Exhibition Co. Ltd.**, Shenzhen (PR China), with:
  - **China Public Security Expo (CPSE)**
- **Shenzhen International Cultural Industry Fair Co. Ltd.**, Shenzhen (PR China), with:
  - **China (Shenzhen) International Cultural Industry Fair**
- **The Society of the Plastics Industry**, Washington (USA), with:
  - **NPE**  
The International Plastics Showcase

### 1.2. 4 trade fair/exhibition organisers & exhibition centres with 4 UFI Approved Events

- **Rota Ltd.**, Athens (Greece), owner of **Expo Athens**,  
with:
  - **MOSTRA ROTA**  
Trade Show for Furniture, House Ware, Glassware, Lighting Fixtures and Decorative Items
- **Dubai World Trade Centre/Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre**, Dubai (UAE)  
with:
  - **Gulfood**  
The Gulf Food, Hotel and Equipment Exhibition and Salon Culinaire
- **SAEML LE CORUM**, Montpellier (France), owner of **Le Parc des Expositions de Montpellier**  
with:
  - **Montpellier International Fair**
- **Lithuanian Exhibition Centre "LITEXPO JSC"**, Vilnius (Lithuania),  
with:
  - **International Special Exhibition of Construction and Renovation**

### 1.3. 5 exhibition centres

- **New International Convention & Exposition Center**, Chengdu Century City (PR China)
- **Orgexpo**, Geneva (Switzerland)
- **AsiaWorldExpo**, Hong Kong (PR China)
- **Tüyap Fair, Convention and Congress Center**, Istanbul (Turkey), operated by UFI member organizer Tüyap Fairs and Exhibitions Organization Inc., who becomes member in both categories
- **Thessaloniki International Fair**, Thessaloniki (Greece)

## Organisations approved for UFI Membership in 2006 (continued)

### 2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

#### 2.1. 4 partners of the exhibition industry

- **KME Consulting Group**, Berlin (Germany)
- **ICM d.o.o.**, Celje/Ljubljana (Slovenia)
- **A. Sutter Verlagsgesellschaft mbH**, Essen (Germany)
- **RussCom IT Systems**, Moscow (Russia)

## Newly recognized UFI Approved Events in 2006

### Approval of 28 new events from 10 member organizers by the UFI Board of Directors

(including the approval requests submitted to the Board of Directors in Beijing on 8 November)

1. **HKF Trade Fairs, Istanbul (Turkey) with 1 event**
  - **ANIMALIA ISTANBUL 2006**  
Cattle Breeding & Technologies Exhibition
2. **Kiev International Contract Fair, Kiev (Ukraine) with 2 events**
  - **AGROTEC**  
Agricultural, Forestry and Cattle Industry International Trade Show
  - **International Specialized Forum "Building and Architecture"**
3. **Feira Internacional de Lisbon, Lisbon (Portugal) with 6 events**
  - **AGROTEC**  
Agricultural, Forestry and Cattle Industry International Trade Show
  - **ARTE LISBOA**  
Contemporary Art Fair
  - **EUROPAPER**  
International Exhibition of Stationery, Gift, Educational Material, Decorative Art, Fine Arts and Party Articles
  - **HOREXPO**  
International Hotel, Catering and Vending Exhibition
  - **MUSICALIA**  
Music, Lights, Sound and Video Trade Fair
  - **PETFIL**  
Pet Exhibition
4. **ITE GROUP PLC, London (United Kingdom) with 10 UFI Approved Events**
  - **BalticBuild**
  - **Bakubuild**
  - **CleanExpo - International Exhibition for the Cleaning Industry**
  - **InterFood Azerbaijan**
  - **KazBuild**
  - **KIHE - Kazakhstan International Healthcare Exhibition**
  - **KIOGE (Oil and Gas)**
  - **KITF - Kazakhstan International Tourism and Travel Fair**
  - **MiningWorld Central Asia**
  - **NDT Russia - Int'l Exhibition for Non-Destructive Testing and Technical Diagnostics**
5. **EXPOCENTR, Moscow (Russia) with 2 events**
  - **MSOO - Int'l Salon of Ophthalmologic Optics**
  - **REKLAMA**
6. **Russian Exhibition Company "EXPODESIGN", Moscow (Russia) with 1 event**
  - **International Exhibition "Hunting and Fishing in Russia"**

Newly recognized UFI Approved Events in 2006 (CONTINUED)
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7. MVK Holding Company, Moscow (Russia) with 1 event
  - PVCEXPO
8. Ahoy Rotterdam nv, Rotterdam (The Netherlands) with 1 event
  - Europort Maritime
9. Messe Düsseldorf China, Shanghai (PR China) with 1 event
  - All in Print - China Int'l Exhibition for All Printing Technology & Equipment
10. Shanghai Modern International Exhibition Co. Ltd., Shanghai (PR China) with 1 event
  - Shanghai International Construction Material, Indoor Decoration, Energy-saving and Advanced Wall Material Exposition
11. Feria Valencia, Valencia (Spain) with 2 events
  - EUROBRICO  
Professional DIY Fair
  - ECOFIRA  
International Fair in Spain for Water, Land, Air and Residues, Services and Technologies

## The list of UFI Regional Chapter Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen

### ASSOCIATIONS' COMMITTEE

Elected for a two year term by the Associations' Committee at its meeting in Helsinki on 26 June 2006:

<b>Chairman:</b>	John SHAW	(Paris, FSCF, OJS)
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Dr. Peter NEVEN	(Berlin, AUMA)

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### UFI REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Elected for a two year term by written ballot:

#### ASIA /PACIFIC CHAPTER

<b>Chairman:</b>	Xianjin CHEN	(Shanghai, SIEC)
<b>1st Vice-Chairman:</b>	Charnchai SVANGSOPAKUL	(Bangkok, BITEC)
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Nobuo OGAWA	(Tokyo, JMA)
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Lindy WEE	(Singapore, SES)

### REGIONAL CHAPTERS (continued)

Elected for a two year term by written ballot:

#### EUROPEAN CHAPTER

<b>Chairman:</b>	Corrado PERABONI	(Milan, Fiera Milano)
<b>1st Vice-Chairman:</b>	Sergey P. ALEXEEV	(Saint Petersburg, Lenexpo)
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	George COJOCARU	(Bucharest)
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Ernst RAUE	(Hanover)

#### MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA CHAPTER

<b>Chairman:</b>	Ahmad AI-MAZROUIE	(Abu Dhabi, ADNEC)
<b>1st Vice-Chairman:</b>	Imad AL-ZOU'BI	(Damascus, PEIFE)
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Ahmed Saleh BAABOOD	(Muscat)