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BOELO SCHUUR ELECTED AS NEW EFCE SCIENTIFIC VICE-PRESIDENT, GIORGIO VERONESI AND JARKA GLASSEY RECONFIRMED IN THEIR POSITIONS

NEW TRUSTEES TO JOIN EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 2024

The European Federation of Chemical Engineering, EFCE, will start the new year 2024 with a team of experienced and new Officers and charity trustees, following elections held at the Executive Board meeting and General Assembly on 17 September 2023.

Both the current President, **Giorgio Veronesi** and the Executive Vice-President **Professor Jarka Glassey** have been re-confirmed in their positions.

Giorgio Veronesi, Techint, Italy, has 40 years of experience in the international engineering and construction sector and held various senior positions at engineering contractors including Foster Wheeler, Tecnimont, Siirtec Nigi and Techint.

Jarka Glassey is professor of chemical engineering at the University of Newcastle, UK, and former Vice President Learned Society at IChemE.

EFCE's new Scientific Vice-President from 1 January 2024 will be **Professor Boelo Schuur**.

Boelo Schuur is full professor Sustainable Separation Technology in the Sustainable Process Technology group at the University of Twente with a main focus on affinity fluid separations. Among the application areas are biorefineries and (biobased) circular chemicals, e.g. based on microalgae, lignocellulosic biomass, pyrolytic oils from biomass and plastics, and digested wastewater.

Boelo has presented invited plenary and keynote lectures at eight international conferences, including the plenary lecture at the International Solvent Extraction Conference, ISEC 2017 in Japan. He teaches on Industrial Chemistry and Processes (BSc), Advanced Molecular Separations (MSc), and Biorefinery (EngD). Boelo is Program Director at the Institute for Sustainable Process Technology (ISPT) in Amersfoort, The Netherlands, coordinating the research and innovation agenda of the Separations for Circularity cluster.

EFCE-related activities of Boelo include membership of the board of the Netherlands Process Technologists NPT from 2012-2018, and he was NPT-representative at the EFCE from 2013-2022.



Boelo has been member of the EFCE Working Party on Fluid Separations since 2017, serving as its secretary since 2018.

In his motivation letter he wrote: "In my vision a cornerstone for the European development towards a circular economy is proper education and training. Our working parties and sections are excellent vehicles to set up such knowledge transfer. Some initiatives are already in place and working well, foster sustainable development such as workshops, conferences and the EFCE Spotlight talks. In my vision it is a task for the Scientific VP to guide all working parties and sections to create a unified understanding of sustainability, and to expose that message to the broader society."

In addition to the three Officers, EFCE welcomes four newly elected trustees to the Executive Board: Giuseppe Bellussi (Italy), António Gonçalves da Silva (Portugal), Juraj Kosek (Czech Republic), and Laura Pirro (Belgium).

They are joining the re-elected trustees David Bogle (United Kingdom), Elisabetta Brunazzi (Italy), Antoon ten Kate (The Netherlands), Antonis Kokossis (Greece), Patrick Piccione (Switzerland), Eric Schaer (France), Tomasz Sosnowski (Poland), and Michael Wilk (Germany), and the appointed trustees Andreas Förster (DECHEMA, Germany), François Nicol (SFGP, France), and Claudia Flavell-While (IChemE, UK), who represent the three EFCE General Secretariats.

Retiring from the Executive Board at the end of 2023 are: Michael Considine (United Kingdom), Silvie Müller (Germany), Alexis Pey Torruella (Spain), Álvaro Ramirez-Gomez (Spain), and Maurizio Rovaglio (Italy).

EFCE is very grateful for the hard work and the many hours of their time all members of the Executive Board have spent working on behalf of the Federation and would like to cordially thank them for their effort.

In particular, EFCE and its Executive Board express their heartfelt thanks to Petr Kluson, Scientific Vice-President from 1 January 2022 to March 2023, who had to step down from this position for personal reasons, and Mike Considine, Scientific Vice-President from April 2023 until the end of the year, for their great commitment to the Federation and their outstanding support to EFCE's scientific activities.

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