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**Press release**

## **Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA) Changes Governance, Elects New Board**

The Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA) has elected its first board of directors under streamlined new arrangements agreed by its General Assembly.

The directors, who will serve three year terms, are:

- Marie-Gemma Dequae, President, Belgium
- Paul Taylor, Vice-President, UK
- Stefan Sigulla, Vice-President, Germany
- Franck Baron, Switzerland
- Peter den Dekker, Netherlands
- Carl Leeman, Belgium
- Cristina Martinez, Spain
- Nadia Nosova, Russia
- Thierry van Santen, France

Because FERMA now has 17 member associations across Europe from Portugal to the Czech Republic, its General Assembly, on which all the associations are represented, decided to create an executive board with directors elected on the basis of their ability to serve the organisation on a European basis.

Marie-Gemma Dequae, President of FERMA, said: "This development is a big step in the future of FERMA. The objective was to reinforce the power of the General Assembly, (representing our members) and to elect directors on the basis of their ability to serve FERMA and risk management with a European dimension."

A further meeting of the General Assembly will take place in June 2009.

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The national risk management associations of 16 countries form the Federation of European Risk Management Associations – FERMA. It represents over 5,000 individual members and a wide range of business sectors from manufacturing to financial services, charities and health organisations as well as local government organisations. Member associations are from the following countries: Belgium (BELRIM), Bulgaria (BRIMA), Czech Republic (ASPAR CR), Denmark (DARIM), Finland (FinnRiMa), France (AMRAE), Germany (Bfv & DVS), Italy (ANRA), Netherlands (NARIM), Poland (POLRISK) Portugal (APOGERIS), Russia (RusRisk), Spain (AGERS), Sweden (SWERMA), Switzerland (SIRM) and United Kingdom (AIRMIC).

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