The word of the President, Roberto Zappa

As anticipated in the Spring issue, we had a very successful Congress in China-Langfang with the signing of the Cooperation Agreement with the Chinese Association and, subsequently, the foundation of the World Elevator Federation (WEF) which includes the most relevant Global Associations in a commitment to a Global-Technical Barrier-Free Trade in the defined framework by the WTO and based on the acceptance of ISO prescriptive standards, in combination with the performance based and conformity assessment parts for a simple and efficient global approach of our sector.

First World Elevator Congress – Langfang 24-25 April 2019

The first World Elevator Congress, a two-day event co-organised by the CEA (China Elevator Association) and ELA (European Lift Association), was held in Langfang (50 km from Beijing), China, on 24 and 25 April 2019.

Conference “Lifts and Escalators in a Digital World” (London - 14th May 2019)

On 14 May 2019 the Conference "Lifts and Escalators in a Digital World" promoted and organized by the European Lift Association (ELA) in the framework of the activities related to the General Assembly 2019 of the Association was held in London.
Winner of the 2018 ELA Award - Trophy remitted at the General Assembly in London

ELA has the pleasure to announce the attribution of the 2018 ELA Award for the most performing member association. For the annual attribution of this Award, the ELA Communications Committee has followed a well-defined and objective procedure.

Uplift in Visitors for UK’s Lift & Escalator Industry Event

LIFTEX, the tri-annual trade show run by the Lift & Escalator Industry Association (LEIA), has seen an 24% increase in attendance to its 2019 edition which took place from 15 – 16th May at London’s ExCeL.

Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI):

Based on the 2018 revision of the Energy Performance of Building Directive (EPBD) which aims to further promote smart technologies in the building by an establishment of an Optional Smart Building Indicator, the Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI) project has been started by EU.

Lead is now on the REACH Candidate List (SVHC)

With its inclusion onto the Candidate List, suppliers of lead-containing articles in the European Economic Area will need to assess their products for Article 33 requirements, where SVHC’s greater than 0.1% weight/weight of the individual component need to be declared to the article’s customer.

VFA Board elections 2019

The regular elections to the VFA Board took place at the VFA General Meeting in Erfurt on 12th April 2019; the members elected the Board for a three-year term. Under the election official Werner Boehm, Honorary Member and Coordinator of the VFA Academy, the members, who attended the meeting in large number, re-elected Achim Hütter, HiEC GmbH, as their president.
VFA New Apprentices Day at interlift’19

VFA-Interlift will again organise a New Apprentices Day for all apprentices of the VFA member companies and for interested school leavers at interlift’19 in Augsburg. The introduction into the world of lifts, a guided tour of the trade show and discussions among apprentices and school leavers will be in focus at that VFA event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, 18/10/2019.

VFA Forum interlift’19 Programme

The forum is free of charge, registration is not necessary. The 20-minute lectures will be held in German or English and be interpreted simultaneously into English and German respectively. The VFA Forum interlift’17 was attended by more than 2,000 listeners, corresponding to more than 10% of all trade fair visitors. The audience is international, as are the speakers: this year, a good half of the approx. 50 presentations are of German origin, 6 are from Italian companies, 3 from UK, others are from Poland, South Africa, USA, Brasil, Turkey, and other countries.