The word of the President

With just over a couple of months after the new Board was elected on April 17th, I am delighted to continue Jorge Ligüerre's great work devoted to our Association over the past years and would like to take the occasion to thank very much the non-elected Board applicants for their commitment and contribution to the success of ELA so far. I am sure that they will keep spreading the good voice of the industry from their respective associations.

Press Release General Assembly 13-14 May 2019

The European Lift Association (ELA), announced today (2 July) that its General Assembly and Annual Conference will be held in London, UK, 13th-14th May 2019. The event, which attracts over 100 senior industry representatives, is the forum where the European industry gathers to discuss common challenges and to celebrate its achievements.

ELA 2018 Annual Conference

On April 16th last, ELA held its annual Conference in Stockholm. The theme of the Conference was “Lifts and Escalators in a Sustainable Future” and was opened by outgoing ELA President Jorge Ligüerre, who underlined that as a concept and as a guiding principle, sustainable development challenges our society and economy to better manage and lower any negative environmental impacts from our activities.

EU Ecodesign Directive

Lifts have been included in the Working Plan 2016-2019 (also referred to as WP3) of the Ecodesign Directive 2009/125/EC. The preparatory study was launched in 2017 and is expected to end in summer 2019. A specific internet home page is set up for this preparatory study on which you can find all of the background and current information on this important topic.
WEEE Directive

In the second stage of the Directive 2012/19/EU on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) starting from 15 August 2018, Lifts are still exempted from the Directive and so are components specially designed for exclusive use in lifts and escalators and moving walks. Other products of general use, subject to WEEE such as generic screens, have to follow the WEEE relevant instruction of the original producer.

EU Conflict Minerals Regulation (EU) 2017/821

On 17 May 2017 an agreement was reached on European Regulation (EU) 2017/821 that imposes certain due diligence obligations on upstream companies and on importers of tin, tantalum, tungsten and gold. This Regulation must also end the financing of armed conflicts and rebel groups by trading in conflict minerals.

Liam Loves Escalators

Liam Loves Escalators (LLE), the second instalment of LEIA's 'Liam Loves' safety awareness campaign, has been shortlisted for two awards

- Trade Association Forum Best Practice Awards 2018 – Marketing Campaign of the Year category.
- UK Content Awards - Not for Profit/Charity Campaign of the Year category.

E2 Forum

Elevate your knowledge!

… and join the new conference and forum for innovations of elevator and escalator technologies: The E2 Forum Frankfurt takes place on 18 and 19 September 2018 and is organized by the VDMA together with the Frankfurt fair organization.

International Lift Symposium

Co-organised by LEIA, the University of Northampton and CIBSE, The Lift and Escalator Symposium Educational Trust is pleased to present the 9th Symposium on Lift and Escalator Technologies, 19-20 September 2018 at Highgate House, Northampton, UK.
**Euro-Lift 2018**

We are pleased to inform you that Euro-Lift 2018 will take place from 2 to 4 October 2018 in Kielce, Poland.

**LIFTEX 2019**

LIFTEX is the UK’s only dedicated exhibition for the lift, escalator and access industry and is now in its 31st year. The last event, held in 2016, smashed all records with a 20% increase in exhibitors and a 15% increase in visitors.

**New President for VSA**

Our Swiss Member Association VSA has elected a new President, Patrick Hess, Schindler Aufzüge AG, Ebikon.

**Save the Date: ELA General Assembly 2019**

The next General Assembly of the European Lift Association will take place on 13 and 14 May 2019 in London. Information and details will follow. Thank you in the meantime for blocking these dates in your calendar.