

TISA elects new officers at General Assembly on 3 December 2009

The Travellers Information Services Association (TISA) celebrated the end of its second year during the General Assembly at Hotel Bedford (Brussels) on the 3 December 2009. It also took the opportunity to elect new officers for the next two year term. Past President Michel Reneric (TDF, France) handed over to Jonathan Burr (ITIS, UK) who takes up the President role. Jarkko Jaakkola (Destia, Finland) was voted into the Treasurer position and Bev Marks will take over the Executive Director role in January 2010.

TISA has grown in membership from 36 to 90 in the last two years. Michel Reneric used a family analogy and said: "The marriage of the TMC Forum and the TPEG Forum has been a great success and the TISA family has benefited from the mobile.info child - the future for TISA is good!" Jonathan Burr commented that he was happy to be taking over and leading TISA into an important period of further TMC developments and to the first TPEG service implementations in the near future.

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Notes for Editors:

TISA is a not-for-profit company (ASBL under Belgian law) established in November 2007, taking over the activities undertaken by the TMC Forum, the TPEG Forum and the German Mobile.Info project.

Historically, the TMC Forum was founded in 1997 to represent all sectors in the development and roll-out of RDS-TMC services and products following their initial development in European Commission funded projects. The TMC Forum had been acting as the "keeper" of the TMC Standards.

The TPEG Forum started in 2002, following early TPEG developments by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU/UER) and its partners in 1998 and the publication of the first ISO Standards in 2004. The German Mobile.Info project, led by BMW, had been working, since 2006, on defining sets of commercial services based upon the best of TMC and TPEG capabilities. In October 2004, the TMC Forum, TPEG Forum and Mobile.Info project created the Road Traffic Information Group as a cooperation of the three organisations. The benefits of a more concrete joint activity quickly arose and from that cooperation TISA was born.

The Executive Office of TISA is hosted by ERTICO - ITS Europe, based in Brussels.

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TISA President, Michel Reneric (TDF - left), handing over the leadership to newly elected President Jonathan Burr (ITIS - right)