

PRESS RELEASE

European Bioplastics elects new Board – François de Bie confirmed as Chairman

Berlin, 1 July 2015 – European Bioplastics (EUBP) is pleased to announce that the new Board has been elected by the General Assembly of EUBP members on 24 June 2015 to serve a two-year term. François de Bie (Corbion) has been re-elected for a second term as Chairman of the Board. Mariagiovanna Vetere (NatureWorks) and Stefano Facco (Novamont) have been designated as Vice Chairpersons.

Starting off his second term as Chairman of European Bioplastics, François de Bie says: “This is an important time for our industry as we leverage the potentials of bioplastics for the bio-economy in Europe. Bioplastics can be a major driver to increase resource efficiency and efficient waste management in the envisioned circular economy. Over the past years, European Bioplastics has affirmed its role as an important and trusted player in the advancement of the bioplastics industry across Europe. I am honoured to assume this position and look forward to working closely with the entire board as well as our management team in continuing to push for a politically and economically favourable landscape in Europe for the bioplastics industry to strive in.”

Peter Brunk (BIOTEC) is another returning member of the Board. He will serve as treasurer. Michael von Ketteler (BASF SE), Henri Colens (Braskem), and Christophe Rupp-Dahlem (Roquette) were elected new members of the Board.

“In the name of the entire Board and EUBP team I would like to express a special thanks to Johnny Pallot (Roquette), who will retire later this year, for his contributions to our association as Member of the Board over the past two years and his considerable efforts in advancing standardisation for our industry”, says de Bie.

EUBP represents the interests of the European bioplastics industry. With a current growth rate of around 20 percent per year, bioplastics are an innovative sector that can drive economic development and employment across Europe. Most importantly, bioplastics help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and can be a major driver in a resource efficient circular economy.

For pictures of the new EUBP Board, please see below or visit our website:
<http://en.european-bioplastics.org/press/press-pictures/board-and-management>

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The new Board of European Bioplastics (from left to right): Christophe Rupp-Dahlem (Roquette), François de Bie (Corbion), Henri Colens (Braskem), Mariagiovanna Vetere (NatureWorks), Stefano Facco (Novamont), Peter Brunk (BIOTEC), and Michael von Ketteler (BASF SE). © European Bioplastics

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European Bioplastics is the European association representing the interests of the industry along the entire bioplastics' value chain. Its members produce, refine, and distribute Bioplastics, i.e. plastics that are either biobased, biodegradable, or both. More information is available on www.european-bioplastics.org.

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