



## Press Release

### CEIR Congress 2017

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**Ugo Pettinaroli became CEIR President and a new Board was elected for the period 2017-2019 on the occasion of the CEIR annual Congress on 8 & 9 June 2017 in Brussels.**

*“I kicked off my Presidency mandate in 2015 with the objective for CEIR to be a more open, active and efficient association. We have collectively made significant progress during these two intensive and challenging years. It is now time to pass on the baton to my successor: Ugo Pettinaroli. However, I will remain very active as Past-President and Chair of the Technical Committee for Building and Industrial Valves”* said the outgoing President Pascal Vinzio.

Ugo Pettinaroli, who was elected CEIR President, has more than 35 years of experience in the valve industry. He is CEO of the Pettinaroli group at the Italian headquarters and holds leading positions in subsidiaries of Pettinaroli in the USA, Denmark and Switzerland. He is also President of AVR, the Italian Valve Manufacturers Association.

He said: *“It is truly an immense honour for me to be elected as President of our association representing the European taps and valves industry. I would like to warmly thank the members for their trust. We need to work together to defend our industry, but also to save natural resources in developing ever more energy- and water-efficient equipment.”*

CEIR also welcomed new members on its Board, namely Michael Huck (URS, Switzerland), Rui Veloso (AIMMAP, Portugal) and Nurdan Yücel (POMSAD, Turkey). Carlos Velazquez was elected 1st Vice-President.

This Congress highlighted the key role of CEIR as the voice of European taps and valves manufacturers in defending their interests vis-à-vis the European institutions.

It addressed major regulatory developments and challenges facing the taps and valves industry. It also offered the opportunity to exchange views with representatives of the European Commission and experts to find suitable solutions to the challenges facing the industry.

The conference debates focused on four key themes:

- The European solution to the issue of materials in contact with drinking water, including developments at regulatory and standardisation levels
- The EU shift to a circular economy, notably standardisation activities on resource efficiency, EU environmental product policy and available options for water labelling
- The future of the EU economy
- The digitalisation of the European industry and Building Information Modelling



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### **About CEIR**

The European Association for the Taps and Valves Industry (CEIR) was formed in 1959 as the European federation of national manufacturer associations. CEIR gathers together a large number of European manufacturers in the field of valves and fittings. CEIR is composed of 13 national associations and 13 European corporate members: CEIR represents over 350 taps and valves manufacturers. CEIR supports the principles of a free economy and private enterprise in Europe as well as on a global basis. CEIR represents the common economic, technical and scientific interests of the European valve industries, in particular towards international authorities and economic and commercial circles.

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