

## **Press Release**

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## The members of AETTA elected Claude Dushenay, Vacances Alpines, as President of the Association

The members of the Association of European Travel and Tourism Agencies elected Claude Dushenay, Vacances Alpines, as the next President of the Association. He will assume the role of the President of AETTA for a two-year term starting July 1, 2018.

According to the charter of AETTA the President is elected for a two-year term on a rotating basis among volunteer candidates representing strategic members of the Association. In this election session four strategic members presented their candidates for the presidency.

Following his election, Claude Dushenay commented: "It is a great honour for me to represent AETTA as its President. I hope my stint in this role will be as successful as that of my predecessor James Woods whom I want to thank on behalf of all the AETTA members for this great contribution to the success of our Association in the past two years. Supported by the Secretary General and a great team that we have in AETTA, I look forward to steering our Association in the best interests of all its members. "

Helmut Messner, Secretary General of AETTA, said: "I congratulate Claude Dushenay with his election and, together with AETTA staff, will do my utmost to support him in his new demanding role in the best possible manner. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing President James Woods for his dedication and hard work for the benefit of our Association. I think that in the past two years we have achieved a lot as AETTA is now recognised as a valuable contributor for the policy making in the European travel and tourism sector. We are visible and make sure our voice is heard both in Brussels and on national levels."

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Note to the Editor: Association of European Travel and Tourism Agencies (AETTA) brings under one roof over one thousand travel and tourist agencies working in Europe or serving European destinations. Each year these collectively serve 8.4 million clients, generate a total turnover of some €4.9 billion and employ directly 21 000 people.

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