

Knud SØRENSEN

President of FIGIEFA



Knud Sørensen studied Economics and Auditing (Master's degree) at the University of Aalborg, obtained the title of and served as a State Authorised Public Accountant from 1990 to 1995.

After having worked as an auditor and consultant for Price Waterhouse Coopers Denmark from 1987 to 1995, he took over a family business in 1995, the company NOR Aalborg, a regional automotive parts distributor and body parts producer. Created in 1959, NOR Aalborg started distributing its products in Scandinavia and exports today to most European markets. NOR Aalborg is a real independent company, not member of any international trade group.

Beyond his activities as parts distributor and producer, Knud Sørensen is also active in the defense of the independent aftermarket rights: member of the Danish association AUTIG since 1997 of which he is President since 2002, Knud Sørensen has also been involved at the international level in the work of FIGIEFA, the International Federation of Automotive Aftermarket Distributors, of which he was elected President in May 2006.

Michel VILATTE

President of FEDA



- Président de la Fédération Française des Syndicats de la Distribution Automobile (FEDA).
- Président de l'Union Nationale des Indépendants de la Rechange et de la Réparation Automobile (UNIRRA).
- Membre du Conseil d'administration de la Fédération Internationales des Grossistes Importateurs et Exportateurs de Fournitures automobiles (FIGIEFA).

Formation

1965 : Diplôme d'ingénieur de l'Ecole Supérieure des Techniques Aéronautiques et de Construction Automobile (ESTACA).

Carrière

1965 : Début de carrière comme ingénieur « embrayages/freins » au sein de la société du **FERODO**.

1969 : nommé à la Direction des « Pièces et Services » groupe **IVECO**.

1985 : Directeur Général **CHAUSSON SERVICE**.

1990 : Directeur Général **VALEO DISTRIBUTION France**.

2002 : Président Directeur Général **DELPHI AFTERMARKET France**.

2004 : **Elu Président de la FEDA**

2005 : **Elu Président de l'UNIRRA** (Union Nationale des Indépendants de la Rechange Automobile)

2006 : **Elu membre du Conseil d'Administration de la FIGIEFA**

Jacopo MOCCIA

Director of CECRA



Before joining CECRA, initially as Public Affairs Manager, his experience was in the political domain as he began by working for 2 years as an auxiliary and parliamentary assistant in a political group at the European Parliament and later moved on to the headquarters of a Belgian political party part of a tripartite governmental coalition.

In 2004, he was employed in the political cabinet of the Walloon region Minister for Transport and Energy.

He joined CECRA in April 2005.

Jacopo Moccia is of Italian origin and before moving to Brussels 23 years ago, he spent his early years in London. He returned to the UK to study and was awarded a BA (1998) and an MA (1999) in International Relations at the University of Sussex, Brighton (UK).

Jan KOOLEN

Secretary General of AIRC



He was born in 1949. After his study, he mainly worked in the automotive industry in the Netherlands as well as abroad. He worked for various importers such as Citroen, Mitsubishi, Jaguar, Land Rover and Range Rover, Austin Rover, Ferrari and Lotus. Furthermore for Standox, Zekerheid door Vakwerk.

Besides his automotive experience and expertise, he supported various industrial projects such as a setting up CD-factory in the Netherlands and in Indonesia; a factory for transport rollers; metal goods industry etc.

Since 1996, he is active as secretary of FOCWA section body repair and as general secretary of the AIRC, the worldwide umbrella organisation for body repair, which represents approx. 55.000 vehicle body repair shops.

Bert MONS

Secretary General of EGEA



Bert Mons has been Secretary General of the European Garage Equipment Association since 2003. Since 2002 he has been Secretary General of the Belgian Automotive Aftermarket Association as well as of several other Belgian aftermarket trade associations. He holds a Master in Applied Linguistics and studied both in Belgium and France.

Caroline OFOEGBU

Deputy Director General of FIA



Caroline Ofoegbu, Deputy Director General of the FIA European Bureau (the spokesman for affiliated motoring organisations) is primarily responsible for EU policy developments affecting the motoring consumer. Her work revolves around ensuring that consumers can make informed choices about available vehicles to purchase that are safe and clean as well as affordable and maintainable. By the same token, the road patrols of the automobile clubs in Europe who answer to in excess of 10 million call outs from motorists in distress require a regulatory framework that facilitates their goal of putting as many motorists back on the road to their final destination as possible.

As International Coordinator of EuroTest, a club-based consumer testing platform, Ms Ofoegbu works with 16 clubs in 15 countries to implement a wide range of surveys annually that examine the quality and safety of Europe's mobility infrastructure for the benefit of mobile consumers generally.

Caroline Ofoegbu, joined the FIA European Bureau in 1996. Previously she worked at the European Commission as a national expert and was a UK civil servant dealing with various policies: European Social Fund, Tourism and Development.

Sylvia GOTZEN
Secretary General of FIGIEFA



Sylvia Gotzen has been Secretary General of FIGIEFA, the International Federation of Automotive Aftermarket Distributors since October 1999. Before this assignment, she was Deputy Secretary General of the European Movement Germany, an independent non-governmental umbrella organisation of 140 associations and interest groups. Sylvia Gotzen studied Political Sciences at the Universities of Bonn, Berlin and Paris (Institut d'Etudes Politiques). She then obtained a master degree in European Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges/Belgium.