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### The European Lotteries elect new Executive Committee

At their General Assembly on 6 June 2013 in Tel Aviv, Israel, the national lotteries united under the umbrella of The European Lotteries have elected their new Executive Committee for the 2013–2015 period.

The General Assembly follows a three day congress in Tel Aviv, hosted by EL members Mifal Hapais and TOTO (The Israel Sports Betting Board).

Friedrich Stickler has been reconfirmed in his position as EL President. Dipl. Ing. Friedrich Stickler is a board member of the Austrian Lotteries, for which he has been working since 1985. He is the President of EL since 2009 and was previously the President of the Austrian football association ÖFB from 2002 to 2008 and a member of the UEFA Executive Committee from 2006 to 2008.

The General Assembly also appointed as First Vice President Christophe Blanchard–Dignac, Chairman and CEO of La Française des Jeux, France and Second Vice President, Dipl.–Kfm. Hansjorg Holtkemeier, Member of the Managing Board of the Deutsche Klassenlotterie Berlin, Germany.

The new elected EL Executive Committee members are (in alphabetical order):

- ALMLID Torbjorn, Ph. D., President and CEO, NORSK TIPPING AS, Norway
- BLANCHARD–DIGNAC Christophe, Chairman and CEO, LA FRANCAISE DES JEUX, France

- Dipl.–Kfm. HOLTKEMEIER Hansjorg, Member of the Managing Board, DEUTSCHE KLASSENLOTTERIE BERLIN, Germany
- KRIŽAN Franci, Chief Operating Officer, LOTERIJA SLOVENIJE, d.d., Slovenia
- PAES AFONSO Fernando, Vice–President SCML & CEO of the Games‘ Department, SANTA CASA DA MISERICORDIA DE LISBOA, Portugal
- PETRONE Emilio Chief Executive Officer SISAL SpA, Italy
- PITTEVILS Ivan, Chief Executive Officer, LOTERIE NATIONALE, Belgium
- SZPIL Wojciech, Chief Executive Officer, TOTALIZATOR SPORTOWY Sp. z.o.o., Poland
- STICKLER Friedrich, Dipl. Ing., Board Member, OSTERREICHISCHE LOTTERIEN GmbH, Austria
- THOMPSON Dianne CBE, Chief Executive, CAMELOT UK LOTTERIES LTD., United Kingdom
- VAN‘T VEER Arjan, Lead Management, NEDERLANDSE STAATSLOTERIJ, The Netherlands

The European Lotteries (EL) is the European umbrella organisation of national lotteries operating games of chance (number games, sport betting, etc) for the public benefit. EL has members from more than 40 European countries including all 27 EU Member States. The association’s members contribute close to 25 billion EUR each year to the state budgets and the funding of sport, charity/social inclusion, arts and cultural heritage, development aid, research and other causes of general interest. EL members only offer gambling and betting services in the jurisdictions in which they are licensed by the respective national government.

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