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FEE General Assembly Elects André Killesse as President and Petr Kriz as Deputy President

Brussels, 13 December 2012 – FEE (Fédération des Experts-comptables Européens – Federation of European Accountants) held its General Assembly where the leaders of the European accountancy profession appointed André Killesse as President and Petr Kriz as Deputy-President for a two-year term.

The General Assembly commended the outstanding leadership of President Philip Johnson and expressed its keen appreciation of his achievements over 2011 – 2012.

André Killesse (Institut des Réviseurs d'Entreprises – Instituut der Bedrijfsrevisoren, IBR-IRE, Belgium) praised Philip Johnson's accomplishment and said "I am delighted and honoured to be elected as President of FEE, an organisation that truly represents the whole accounting and auditing profession in Europe. Having worked in a small practice myself, this is particularly important to me, and I hope helpful to support our strategic focus on small and medium-sized practices. The next two years will be crucial for the profession's future: We have to address critical political challenges while continuing to deliver on our strategic priorities, such as contributing to better reporting and governance for a strong, stable and sustainable economy, advancing audit policy in the public interest – and also business services, taxation and other professional services. I very much look forward to take up this challenge together with the team at FEE and the volunteers from our member bodies around Europe."

Petr Kriz (Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic, KACR) added "I very much look forward to working with André and colleagues in the FEE Board and Members' Assembly, stimulating debate and new thinking in all fields of relevance to the profession and contributing to FEE's role as thought-leader for the European accountancy profession."

Olivier Boutellis-Taft, FEE CEO, commented "Philip has been an exceptional President at an exceptional time. His leadership and his vision for the profession have put FEE on the right track, on a path toward more excellence, quality and inclusiveness. It has been a privilege to work with him.

With André and Petr, FEE's leadership is well equipped to continue on this path. André has been a great Chair of our Qualification and Market Access Working Party and Deputy President. During his career at BDO and professional bodies at national, regional, European and international level, he has seen the profession from all angles. Petr has chaired the FEE Banks Working Party. His expertise in financial reporting will be essential at a time where we have to revisit corporate reporting.

I am convinced that the new leadership team will guide FEE and the profession with and towards a spirit of cooperation, reflection and innovation to fulfil market needs and serve the public interest."

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Biography of FEE President André Killesse

André KILLESSE was the President of the Belgian Institute of Registered Auditors from 2004 to 2007 and was elected as FEE Vice-President in December 2006. André is chairman of BDO Belgium and is active in different BDO worldwide committees.



At FEE, he has chaired the QMA (Qualification and Market Access) working party since 2007. He also serves on other different FEE working parties. At international level, André serves on the IAESB (International Accounting Education Standards Board) CAG (Consultative Advisory Group) and on the FIDEF (Fédération Internationale des Experts-Comptables Francophones) board of directors.

He is a member of the board of the HEC – University of Liege Business School, where he also gives lectures. He has written numerous professional and academic publications. André received a national award in the Order of the Crown. He is also a wine fan and is a member of the famous “Chevalerie du tastevin” in Burgundy.

Biography of FEE Deputy President Petr Kriz

Petr is Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Prague and Financial Services leader in the Czech Republic. He is also responsible for Technical and Regulatory Affairs. He chairs the FEE Banks Working Party and is former President of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic.

He has long-term experience in leading audits and financial reporting advisory projects of Czech and international banks and central banks. He managed numerous projects for the Czech Ministry of Finance, World Bank and other international institutions. He is also member of the Commission for concept and development of accounting and audit to the Czech Minister of Finance.



Petr is also member of the Governance and Nominating Committee of EFRAG, of the Scientific Council of the Finance and Accounting Faculty of the Prague University of Economics and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Transparency International in the Czech Republic.

About FEE

FEE (Fédération des Experts-comptables Européens - Federation of European Accountants) represents 45 professional institutes of accountants and auditors from 33 European countries, including all 27 EU Member States.

In representing the profession, FEE recognises the public interest. FEE has a combined membership of more than 700.000 professional accountants working in different capacities in public practice, small and larger firms, business, public sector and education, who all contribute to a more efficient, transparent, and sustainable European economy.

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