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European Mobility Group forms new Management Board

Elects Peter Wahlsten as Chair and Iddo Verweij as vice Chair

The European Mobility Group has just held its Annual Meeting of its more than 50 members in the Louwman Museum the Hague.

During the meeting, members agreed to strengthen the organisation by giving it a new status as an Association under French law and by forming a new Management Board to take the key decisions.

Peter Wahlsten of Braunability, Sweden, was elected Chair of the new Board and Iddo Verweij of Tribus, Netherlands, Vice Chair.

Commenting on his appointment, Peter said: "These steps show that EMG is serious about making its views heard and about becoming a strong and reliable partner in providing accessible personal transport for people with disabilities."

Members expressed their strong desire to work more closely with vehicle manufacturers to resolve together key challenges in adapting vehicles to be used by people with disabilities.

During discussions on the transition from traditional engines to electrical and other power sources, it was seen that there is a strong likelihood that people with disabilities will have a reduced choice of vehicle and lower comfort levels than before.

Cybersecurity - an increasing constraint for vehicle manufacturers - also poses serious challenges for many EMG members as they fear it may become too difficult to adapt driving controls in cars.

Dr Jack Short, President of the EMG, concluded by saying: "People with disabilities should also be able to benefit from the advantages of private mobility. EMG wants to work closely with them and with the industry to ensure that this can be done in a safe and affordable way."

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With over 50 Members working in the field of vehicle adaptation and conversion, the EMG works closely with other stakeholders and organisations to ensure that regulations and policies concerning vehicles take account of the needs of disabled drivers and passengers.