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New PG-CUR Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Brussels, 12 March 2024. The Eurovent Product Group 'Air Curtains and Fan Heaters' (PG-CUR) has elected Michael Hims (Carver) as its new Chairperson. He will be supported by the newly elected Vice-Chairperson Xander Van Bree (Frico BV).

The election took place during the online Product Group meeting held on 13 February 2024. Michael Hims (European NPD Manager at Carver) will succeed Carsten Dittmar (Commercial Product Area Director at Systemair), who served as the Eurovent PG-CUR Chairperson since October 2022. Michael will be taking over the position of Chairperson after having served as the group's Vice-Chairperson since October 2022. He has experience in working with the Product Group on both the acoustic guide and leading the development of new technical Guidebook for air curtains.

The new Vice-Chairperson Xander Van Bree (Managing Director at Frico B.V) has over three decades of experience in the HVAC sector and has been actively supporting the air curtain sector through local and European market initiatives, technical studies, and regulatory work since 2002. He sits on the Board of the Eurovent Dutch Member Association Binnenklimaat Nederland.

The new Chairperson Michael Hims stated: "I would like to thank the PG-CUR participants for electing me as the Chairperson of this Product Group. Under Carsten Dittmar, we started a lot of exciting projects, and taking on this role allows me to complete our existing work agenda and to work with Xander to ensure that we tackle the topics important for the members today. Air curtains and fan heaters play an important role within the HVACR market today. We need to ensure that manufacturers have both a voice and feel supported by the wider industry to allow their products to deliver on key areas such as energy saving and indoor air quality."

In addition, the new Vice-Chairperson Xander Van Bree mentioned: "I am particularly drawn to our Product Group and to Eurovent due to its commitment to innovation and sustainability in the HVAC sector. As the PG-CUR Vice-Chairperson, my goal is to leverage my experience not only to serve the interests of our industry but also to fortify the association's position as Europe's major representative of air curtain and fan heater manufacturers."

The Eurovent Product Group 'Air Curtains and Fan Heaters' (PG-CUR) is the only dedicated committee to air curtain and fan heating and/or cooling technologies within the EMEA region. It covers air curtain units for commercial, industrial and cold storage purposes and fan-driven heating and/or cooling products. It is the largest group of air curtain unit and fan heater manufacturers worldwide and is supported by Eurovent Member Associations on a national level.

Related documents and links

All related documents and links can be found below.

- Eurovent logo files
- Press images
- Business portraits of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson
- PDF version of the Press Release

About Eurovent

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Our Member Associations

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