



PRESS RELEASE

## **A NEW PRESIDENT FOR THE EUROPEAN LIFT ASSOCIATION**

The European Lift Association (ELA) has designated Michel CHARTRON as its President for a period of three years at the yearly General Assembly, held in Budapest on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Michel Chartron replaces William H. Orchard, who resigned from his position and remains on the board of the association.

Michel CHARTRON, 58, is French and has been active for many years in management positions at KONE. After having filled the position of Executive Vice-President for the Automatic Building Door Business, Michel Chartron is now Senior Vice-President of KONE's lift Service Business and currently located in France.

Michel Chartron is no newcomer at the level of the European associations. In the 1990's and until 2001, he chaired the Technical Committee of EEA (European elevator Association), which worked a lot on safety issues and prepared the Safety Norm for Existing Lifts (EN 81-80) which was used among others by the French government to produce the new SAE legislation. More recently, he was chairing the Quality, Safety, Environment & Education Committee of ELA, before being designated President of the European association.

The new Vice-President of the association for the coming year is Mr. George Jackson, of Jackson Lifts Ltd, representing the United Kingdom on the Board of the European Lift Association



Photo: Michel CHARTRON

New President of the European Lift Association



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New Vice-President of the European Lift Association