



Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles
International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers

OICA General Assembly in Moscow

VDA-President Matthias Wissmann unanimously elected President of the world organisation OICA

Paris, 24 October 2016. The 21 October 2016 annual OICA General Assembly in Moscow unanimously elected Matthias Wissmann, president of the German automotive industry association (VDA - Verband der Automobilindustrie), as the new president of the world automobile industry association OICA (Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles; International Organisation of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers) for a 2-year mandate, succeeding to Mr. Yong Geun Kim, president of the Korean Association of Automobile Manufacturers KAMA. In addition, the OICA General Assembly also elected Mr. Dong Yang, Executive Vice Chairman of the Chinese Association of Automobile Manufacturers CAAM, to the position of First Vice President. Mr. Christian Peugeot, president of the French auto association CCFA (Comité des Constructeurs Français d'Automobiles), was confirmed as OICA Treasurer.

The world association OICA was founded in 1919 and currently groups 39 national trade associations around the world, including all major automobile manufacturing countries in Europe, America, and Asia.

In his words of thanks to Mr. Kim for his 2-year active presidency, the new President-elect Wissmann stressed the importance of the auto industry on the global economic growth. The world market for passenger cars is expected to exceed 80 million cars in 2016 and continues to grow, in line with the ever increasing demand for individual mobility in many countries.

The challenges are high, however: "Electric mobility and the digital transformation are on their way". On the other hand, the internal combustion engine still has great potential and will continue to play a dominant role in the years to come. Wissmann felt confident that individual mobility will become even more efficient, safe and comfortable and that connected and automated driving will offer high benefits.

One of the most important OICA activities is the harmonisation of technical regulations.

Wissmann stressed that "The innovations of the auto industry improve the sustainability and the safety of road traffic, in spite of the increasing number of vehicles on the road. The OICA activities contribute to the global distribution of technology, experience and know-how, to the benefit of all countries."

The OICA member countries are committed to the improvement of road safety and environmental protection; they actively contribute to the global harmonisation of technical regulations and standards.

OICA is the only non-governmental car and truck manufacturers' organisation accredited to the United Nations and represents the technical interests in international institutions and organisations. OICA coordinates the global harmonisation of vehicle regulations. OICA also collects and publishes international statistics and coordinates the yearly calendar of auto shows all over the world.

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