

New OEE Co-Presidents and Directors target pre-commercial deployments

The new appointments will be tasked with uniting the sector behind a strategy to build an ocean energy industry in Europe.

09 April 2018. Brussels. Ocean Energy Europe (OEE) has appointed Simon De Pietro (DP Energy, Ireland) and Laurent Schneider-Maunoury (Naval Energies, France) as its new Co-Presidents. The duo bring a formidable combination of expertise to the table, as representatives of key project developers and OEMs in the ocean energy sector. They will set the industry's strategy in the coming years, as it aims to deploy pre-commercial farms in European waters.

Mr de Pietro was reappointed after an interim election in 2016. Mr Schneider-Maunoury will serve his first term as OEE co-President. Co-Presidents are elected for a three-year term.

Seven of the key figures in the industry were also elected to the OEE Board of Directors confirming the high-level orientation of the Board. The new appointments represent most aspects of the ocean energy sector from all around Europe.

The elected Directors are:

- Tony Lewis, Beaufort Professor Emeritus, MaREI
- Patrik Moller, CEO, Corpower Ocean
- Kieran O'Brien, European Director, Carnegie Clean Energy
- Pablo Ruiz-Minguela, Head of Wave Energy, Tecnalia
- Andrew Scott, CEO, Scotrenewables Tidal Power
- Jochen Weilepp, Board Advisor, Schottel Hydro
- Oliver Wragg, Commercial Director, EMEC

Laurent Schneider-Maunoury, CEO Naval Energies and OEE co-President said:

"I am delighted to serve as co-President of Ocean Energy Europe.

Now is a crucial time for ocean energy in Europe, as we stand on the brink of commercialisation. Ocean energy has a significant impact on local economies and industrial supply chains where it is deployed and all over Europe. The EU has an important role to play to support development on the ground in Member States"

Simon de Pietro, Managing Director of DP Energy and OEE co-President said:

"I am honoured to be reappointed as co-President of Ocean Energy Europe by the industry. We have accomplished a lot in recent years, and reached some very significant milestones in 2017 with both steel in water and generation being measured in GWh not KWh.

With this new Board we are in a good position to capitalise on the ground gained and improve both yield and reduce costs. Ocean energy can not only produce clean, predictable energy but can do so at

a price and with a generation characteristic that can complement commercially fully developed renewables such as wind and solar with their own specific generation characteristics.

Together these technologies, along with rapidly advancing storage technology, can help move Europe towards decarbonisation and at the same time provide jobs and economic opportunities across the EU.

The added value of ocean energy is too good to ignore from a market point of view. The industrial opportunity is too good to ignore from a political point of view”.

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