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René Takens: ready to serve a third term as COLIBI President

At their General Assembly in Munich (14 June 2007), the COLIBI members unanimously re-elected René Takens (CEO of the Accell Group) as their President.

Herewith, René Takens takes up his 3rd term as President of the European association.

“European associations, such as COLIBI, play an important role in providing a unique platform to the professional, national bicycle associations. Here, they not only exchange crucial market, legislative and promotional information; they also follow-up on European legislation and determine common positions and strategies. I am honoured by the undivided support of the members and more than prepared to guide COLIBI through the next 3 years”, says Takens.

Under René Takens’ Presidency, the relationship and co-operation with COLIPED was strengthened, COLIBI’s membership enlarged with the Bulgarian (ABPB) and Hungarian (MKKSZ) associations, firm positions were taken and activities increased.

René Takens: *“The European bicycle industry is committed to bringing safe, comfortable and appealing products on the market. As much, we consider it as our duty to contribute to the realisation of a bicycle-friendly climate. Therefore, and backed by the fact that the bicycle is the most environmentally-friendly, energy efficient, silent and healthy form of wheeled personal transportation, we will continue to lobby national and European authorities for a better integration of the bicycle in their policies and an acknowledgement of the huge potential of the bicycle”.*

COLIBI (°1973) represents the European bicycle industry. Its members are the national bicycle associations in 11 European countries: Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.