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With the spotlight at IUAPPA's World Clean Air Congress in Korea, 2016 was for EFCA a year with less activities in Europe. In 2016 EFCA's Secretary-General stepped back. Andrzej Jagusiewicz was elected as EFCA's third vice-president.

IUAPPA's 17th World Clean Air Congress marks a revival of this series of global events which started in the sixties of the past century. The Korean organizers partly thank its success by joining forces with Clean Air Asia and merge with their 9th 'Better Air Quality Conference'. The event brought together about 1100 delegates from all over the world. EFCA contributed to the programme of the congress with a lively special session on '*Fine Particulate Matter*' which was chaired by EFCA's president Thomas Reichert.

The single European activity was the Third Expert Forum on Atmospheric Chemistry, co-organised by EFCA Member KRdL-VDI/DIN. It addressed the topic '*New and emerging technologies: Impact on air quality and climate*'.

2016 was also the year that EFCA's Secretary-General *Joop van Ham*, having served the federation for 20 years, had intended to leave its office. Unfortunately, he had to diminish its activities for EFCA in the beginning of the year. At the Annual meeting, held in Berlin, the Assembly awarded him EFCA's Honorary membership.

Because a successor was not available EFCA's management had to be restructured. Initiatives for EFCA's actions, such as policy interaction, will be a shared responsibility of the members of the Executive Committee. To that end the EC was strengthened: the Assembly elected *Andrzej Jagusiewicz* as third vice-president. The secretariat has been moved to Pfinztal, Germany, where it will be served by the GUS-secretariat; *Sabine Aref* will see to EFCA's administrative and communicative functions.

Membership remained stable at 11 Full Members, 2 Associate Members; 3 associations have Observer status. EFCA's Italian Member, CSIA/ATI, informed the Assembly that after a pause of two years it was about to resume its professional activities at the national scale.

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