



Press Release CONEBI

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COLIPED and COLIBI merge and become CONEBI, *the Confederation of the European Bicycle Industry*

The Association of the European Two-Wheeler Parts' and Accessories' Industry (COLIPED), established in 1960, and the Association of the European Bicycle Industry (COLIBI), established in 1973, took the decision at the last General Assembly in Brussels on 19th November to merge into one entity and become **CONEBI**, the Confederation of the European Bicycle Industry. The following Board of Directors was unanimously elected:

Mr. René Takens of the Accell Group NV, President - **Mr. Erhard Buechel**, of Büchel & Co. Fahrzeugteilefabrik KG, Vice President - **Mr. Massimo Panzeri** of Atala Spa, Vice President - **Ms. Sacha Boedijn** of RAI Association, Treasurer.

CONEBI's new articles of association were just published at the beginning of January 2015 in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Journal and thus the registration of the Association is now official.

CONEBI inherits COLIPED and COLIBI's remarkable results, among which the separate code in the combined nomenclature for EPACs and the adoption by the European Commission of the EPACs and Speed EPACs regulations. It is also noteworthy that COLIPED and COLIBI were pioneers in organising e-bike test rides at the European Institutions and in asking the European Commission for the appointment of a European Bicycle Officer.

CONEBI will combine the efforts that have been efficiently put by COLIPED and COLIBI all over the past decades in order to have maximum strength in representing its members' interests at European level: the new association will keep on maintaining regular contacts with European policy makers and Authorities, as well as with other associations that pursue common objectives, the European standardization body CEN, Industry and mobility experts, and the international press. **CONEBI**'s aim will be the growth of the bicycle, EPAC and P&A industries and of the Cycling Culture in Europe.

CONEBI will be responsible for the preparation of the European Bicycle Industry & Market Profile (BIMP): first issued in 2009 by the zealous work of COLIPED and COLIBI, it is now recognized at international level as the statistical bicycle data source by excellence and will continue to be published every year to provide its stakeholders with in-depth insights.

The activities promoted by the Confederation of the European Bicycle Industry will also go beyond the European borders: The Taipei International Cycle Show 2015 will take place from 18 to 21 March and will see **CONEBI** as the biggest exhibitor. For the past 23 years the joint European COLIPED booth has brought the leading representatives of the European Bicycle Industry to the most important Asian cycle show, giving the possibility to tens of thousands of visitors to be updated about trends and innovations in Europe.

The new website of **CONEBI** will be shortly available at www.conebi.eu.

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About CONEBI

CONEBI is a non-profit organization active for the Bicycle Advocacy in the dossiers which concern the Bicycle, Epacs and Bicycle Parts Industry in Europe. The Members are the representatives of National Organizations for the Bicycle, Epacs and Bicycle Parts industry, and Importers. The Board consists of Industry representatives.

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