



PRESS STATEMENT March 7th 2008

The European Live Music Forum (ELMF) convened for the Annual General Meeting 2008 (AGM) on March 6th 2008 in London, UK.

The AGM, as required by the current constitution, elected a new Board to serve for the next two years. The new ELMF Board of Directors are, in alphabetical order, Mr JOHN CORR (UK), Mr HANS HJORTH (SE), Mr CHRISTOF HUBER (CH), Mr BOB JAMES (UK), Mr TAPIO KORJUS (FI) and Ms YOLANDE VAN SAET (BE).

The Executive committee of the Board ("Bureau") as of March 6th 2008 is Mr BOB JAMES, Chair, Mr JOHN CORR, Vice Chair and Mr CHRISTOF HUBER, Secretary.

The ELMF Board on the same date appointed Mr HANS HJORTH as Director ("Gedelegeerd bestuurder") for the ELMF.

Former ELMF Chair Mr PETER JENNER UK) has been appointed 'President Emeritus' and empowered to form an advisory group of dedicated industry individuals in order for ELMF to benefit from their guidance and support.

The Board has determined that ELMF has at this time accumulated sufficient financial reserves to launch of a number of initiatives for increased ELMF activities.. The Board has accordingly adopted a budget for 2008 which provides for the acquisition of basic staff resources by the second quarter of the year. While some of these resources will by necessity be allocated for basic administrative task the immediate priority will be membership drives, acquiring funding and sponsorship in addition to improving information dispersal both internally and externally. Relieving the Board and its' appointed offices of these concern will in turn allow for a stronger and more energetic focus on the working groups.

Another priority for 2008 will be to establish constructive and collaborative relationships with various parties acting on one, or several, of the concerns outlined in the ELMF long-term agenda.

On behalf of the ELMF Board

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