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COCERAL elects new President and Vice-Presidents

Brussels, May 24, 2019 - COCERAL, the European association representing the collectors, distributors, exporters, importers and agribulk storers of agricultural commodities as well as agrosupply, elected during its General Assembly held earlier in May a new President and two Vice-Presidents.

The new President, Philippe Mitko, Head of Public Affairs at InVivo Trading, and the Vice-Presidents Zsolt Kocza, Managing Director Grains EMEA with Cargill, and Giorgio Dalla Bona, CEO at Cereal Docks International, were elected for a two-year mandate, running until June 2021.

Philippe Mitko highlighted that *“Trade in agricultural commodities will be facing an unusual number of disruptive factors in the next two years. Trade disputes between the US, the EU and China have already created uncertainty in the markets.”*

“With Brexit looming and a new balance of power expected to emerge from the European Parliament elections later this week, he added, COCERAL will have to work hand-in-hand with new European decision makers at both European Parliament and Commission level to ensure a policy environment that enables agri-trade to fulfil its mission, which is to move agri-commodities from areas of surplus to areas of deficit at affordable prices”.

Together with the Vice-Presidents Giorgio Dalla Bona and Zsolt Kocza, they committed to support COCERAL’s members in overcoming the challenges created by the shifting political environment and the disruptions/opportunities created by digitalisation, climate change, and the shifts in European agricultural production that are likely to result from increasing subsidiarity.

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