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### Per Jonasson re-elected President of AREA

**On 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016, Per Jonasson was re-elected President of AREA for 2 years on the occasion of the AREA General Assembly spring meeting in Dublin. The AREA Board remains relatively stable with only one person change.**

21 out of 23 members gathered in Dublin on the occasion of AREA spring General Assembly meeting hosted by the Institute of Refrigeration Ireland. Per Jonasson was unanimously given another two-year mandate and Coen van de Sande (NVKL, the Netherlands) was nominated Vice-President. Wolfgang Zaremski (VDKF, Germany) took the position of Treasurer.

Marco Buoni (ATF, Italy), who is representing AREA at many events and meetings worldwide, was given the title of Vice-President International Affairs. This decision reflects the key position of Mr. Buoni, who has notably played an important role in deepening the cooperation with UNEP.

Stig Rath (VKE, Norway) joined the Board as Director in replacement of Peter Bachmann (BIV, Germany) who left after 6 years. Members expressed their thanks to Peter, who contributed to AREA's work and value, especially by strengthening the collaboration with Chillventa. Stig has been involved in AREA for several years and currently chairs the Task Force Skills.

Per Jonasson said: *"I am most grateful to be granted another two-year mandate to lead AREA. Our association is living an exciting period with several guides and projects in the pipeline and I am delighted to be given the opportunity of carrying out these initiatives with the support of my fellow Board members."*



Left to right: Marco Buoni, Wolfgang Zaremski, Per Jonasson, Coen van de Sande, Graeme Fox and Stig Rath

## **AREA Board 2016-2018**

President:	Per Jonasson (KYL, Sweden)
Vice-President:	Coen van de Sande (NVKL, the Netherlands)
Vice-President International Affairs:	Marco Buoni (ATF, Italy)
Past President:	Graeme Fox (BESA, UK)
Treasurer:	Wolfgang Zaremski (VDKF, Germany)
Director:	Stig Rath (VKE, Normay)

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