

Press Release

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New CAEF president Chiara Danieli with full agenda in key year for European foundry industry

The new year 2022 will be an important one for the European foundry industry. On the one hand, Covid-19 infection figures, supply bottlenecks and energy costs determine daily business and affect the important recovery of the manufacturing sector. On the other hand, decisive European and global parameters are being set for the future of the industry. Chiara Danieli's CAEF presidency, which began at the turn of the year, is focusing on these fundamental and forward-looking aspects.



At the turn of the year, the CAEF presidency passed from Ignacio De la Peña to Chiara Danieli. Ms Danieli has already set ground-breaking accents in the preparation for her presidency. In addition to the current challenges regarding the availability of raw materials and costs of energy, there is no lack of strategic demands she will have to push forward together with the CAEF General Secretariat and in close alignment with other European foundry associations. The transformation of the entire European industry with regards to climate change is manifold and affects our industry directly as well as indirectly. Recent policymaking demands our involvement and hence CAEF opens the dialogue with corresponding decision-makers as top-priority in 2022. Looking at the upcoming foundry-talents generation, it is also crucial to substantially increase our recognition as pioneers of circular economy in politics and society at large.

Chiara Danieli, Italian by birth, general director of the French Bouhyer Group, is European through and through with heart and mind. With numerous challenges ahead, the CAEF General Secretariat looks forward to a close and robust collaboration beyond the borders of the European Union. Moreover, CAEF thanks Ignacio De la Peña and the Spanish foundry association FEAF for the presidency 2020 / 2021. During this extraordinary period, De la Peña has agreed to continue as president throughout the year 2021, giving CAEF stability in these difficult times. The recent Council meeting in Bilbao last September was another important milestone to intensify the exchange between the national foundry associations. De la Peña will

remain with CAEF as a member of the Executive Committee and will thus continue to play a key role in shaping the activities of the association.

Background information on CAEF:

CAEF is the umbrella organisation of the national European foundry associations. The organisation, founded in 1953, has 22 European member states and works to promote the economical, technical, legal and social interests of the European foundry industry. At the same time, CAEF implements activities which aim at developing national foundry industries and co-ordinating their shared international interests. The General Secretariat is situated in Düsseldorf since 1997.

CAEF represents 4 700 European foundries. Nearly 300 000 employees are generating a turnover of 43 billion Euro. European foundries are recruiting 20 000 workers and engineers per year. The main customer industries are e.g. the automotive, the general engineering and the building industries as well as the electrical engineering industry. No industrial sector exists without using casted components.

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