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CATRENE appoints new management

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The recently approved EUREKA Cluster for Application and Technology Research on NanoElectronics, CATRENE, announced two new members of management.

Starting from February 01, Enrico Villa has been appointed CATRENE Chairman, succeeding Jozef Cornu, who had accepted a CEO position in a major international company for imaging systems and IT solutions.

Enrico Villa, born 1941 in Vimercate, Italy, graduated in Electrical Engineering and Business Administration at Milano University. He started his professional career as market analyst, joining thereafter SGS Fairchild, later SGS Thomson, in several key technical and market positions. In 1987, Mr. Villa was appointed Vice President for External Technological Co-ordination and General Manager of SGS Thomson Microelettronica, the Italian subsidiary of the then newly merged STMicroelectronics (ST). In January 2000, he was promoted Corporate Vice President for the Europe region and took on the mission to reinforce ST's leading position in sales in Europe. In 2005, he became Executive Vice President in ST's Corporate Executive Committee, End of 2007, Mr. Villa retired from ST

Over and above his varied functions in ST, E. Villa has been active in several industry associations: in ECCA, the Italian Association for Electrical and Electronic Companies, or as European Chairman of the Joint Steering Committee of the World Semiconductor Council

At the same time Jacques Dulongpont has taken over the responsibility as new CATRENE Office Director. Dulongpont, born in 1951, graduated from the Institut National des Sciences Appliquées (INSA Lyon - France) and from the Institut de Formations Sociales pour Ingénieurs (IEFSI Lille France). In 1977, he started in Thomson CSF Telecommunications (now Thales) as designer for analogue and digital chips and joined Alcatel Mobile Communications in 1988 to build up a chip design centre for development of GSM chip sets. From 1993 onwards, he was assigned to lead the signal processing activities of Alcatel Mobile Communications for wireless modems and audio applications in addition.

With the transition of Alcatel's chip design activities to ST in 2002, he joined with his team the cellular busine ss unit of ST and was responsible for the design centre in Paris. In 2005 he was promoted to manage on three ST locations architecture teams for defining applications of multimedia platforms based on the Nomadik chip.

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