



Press Release

PAOLO SCUDIERI HAS BEEN ELECTED THE NEW PRESIDENT OF ANFIA

At the Public Assembly of the Association we presented proposals for implementing an industrial policy to strengthen our sector's competitiveness during this period of rapid technological evolution: the construction of infrastructures, support for research and development activities, investment in human capital, aggregation and corporate growth were among the key themes discussed

Rome, December 4th 2018 - The General Assembly of ANFIA Members, held in Rome this morning at the Grand Hotel Plaza, elected **Paolo Scudieri** - CEO of Adler Group - as **President of the Association** for the three-year period 2019-2021. At the same time, two of the **Presidents for the three ANFIA Product Groups** were also elected and will also act as **Vice Presidents of the Association**: **Marco Stella** (Duerre Tubi Style Group SpA) for the Components Group and **Massimo Repetto** (Piaggio &C. SpA) for the Motor vehicles manufacturers Group.

In the afternoon, ANFIA's Public Assembly was held in the presence of the **Italian Prime Minister, Giuseppe Conte** and focused on the theme of having an industrial policy for the automotive sector during this challenging phase of transformation within the industry, both from a technological and a regulatory point of view.

After the opening welcome by the outgoing President, **Aurelio Nervo**, the new President, **Paolo Scudieri**, opened the meeting by focusing on some elements of consideration which were useful to start the debate: the importance of the industry for the growth of the country as a whole, transformation of the international scene from a commercial perspective as well as the current state of the industry in light of the challenges posed by the electrification of vehicles and the development of mobility systems.

"I welcome with great enthusiasm the appointment to the presidency of the Association and I thank my predecessor for all the excellent results that have been achieved under his leadership - said the new President of ANFIA, Paolo Scudieri. This will be the starting point from which I will begin this important journey, in the context of ever-changing mobility that will lead us to face, in the coming years, technological challenges that will require ground-breaking upheavals.

With over 5,000 companies in Italy and a turnover of over 100 billion euros (6% of GDP) together with approximately 260,000 direct and indirect employees (7% of manufacturing employees), we are the industrial sector that invests the most in research and development, almost 1.7 billion euros in Italy and 53 billion euros in Europe, half of which is invested by component companies" - continued Scudieri. The

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first message we want to give to the Government today concerns the central role that our industry merits in the country's economic programme: there will be neither social nor employment growth without the creation of conditions conducive to the strengthening and expansion of the Italian entrepreneurial fabric.

Secondly, if the path towards zero-emission mobility has now been mapped out and requires the industry to invest and meet its obligations, which if not met will result in heavy financial penalties for the manufacturers, we must expect a tangible commitment for the construction of our infrastructure, which is currently seriously lacking both in Europe and in Italy - the DAFI Directive states that the necessary ratio between the number of vehicles and the number of service points must be 10 to 1.

With regards to the challenge of electrification - which means not only electric cars, but different forms of hybridization - the transformation entailed by the regulations is radical and must be managed in an intelligent and gradual way, without forgetting that today 41% of the direct workforce in our sector is employed in the production of internal combustion cars and their engines. The other major challenge, that of the autonomous vehicles, sees us as main players with our project 'Borgo 4.0': finally, we have the opportunity to create at local level this experimental technology project by contributing to the 'Campania 2020 - Sustainable and safe mobility' programme, for which the Region has allocated 50 million Euros of ROP ERDF 2014/2020 resources. Working in synergy with the academic world and institutions we are convinced that the initiative, with its scientific, technological and employment spin-offs, will bring innovation and competitiveness.

We are regretfully witnessing the weakening of important measures such as over-amortization and even the loss of the super-amortization and tax credit for research and development, tools that we believe are fundamental for the revival of the industrial sector - concluded the New President - but we are optimistic and we are hopeful that, working together with the Government we will overcome the challenges that lie ahead".

In the second part of the afternoon, the event continued with a round table, chaired by **Gian Luca Pellegrini**, Director of *Quattroruote*, with the participation of **Roberto Vavassori**, President of CLEPA, **Daniele Chiari**, Head of Product Planning & Institutional Relations for FCA EMEA Region, **Andrea Pontremoli**, Managing Director of Dallara Automobili, **Paolo Pozzi**, Managing Director of A. Agrati and **Giorgio Gallia**, Managing Director of Denso Thermal Systems Southern Europe.

From the discussions emerged concrete guidelines on the next technological and productive developments for the industry: from the strategy of transition to electrification according to FCA, to the need to create the skills that are really needed by companies as expressed by the CEO of Dallara, including the most important factors for competitiveness of a multinational company such as Denso, to the virtuous example of Agrati as a pocket-sized multinational player in Italy, to the critical analysis of European regulatory initiatives by the President of CLEPA, Roberto Vavassori.

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The round table was followed by a concluding speech given by the President of the Council of Ministers, **Giuseppe Conte**.

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Born in March 1912, over these one hundred years, ANFIA mission has always been to represent the interests of its associate members and ensure effective communication between the Italian motor vehicle industries on the one hand, and the Public Administration and Italian political bodies on the other, with regard to all technical, economic, fiscal, legal, statistical and quality-related issues referred to the automotive sector.

The Association is structured in three product-based Groups, each one chaired by a President.

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