

PRESS RELEASE
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The Chairman of Thermauvergne, Dr. Christian Corne, re-elected to the presidency of the Fédération Thermale et Climatique Française and of the European Historical Thermal Towns Association

- **The National Thermal Meeting**

During their annual general meeting in Evian at the National Thermal Meeting, the members of the **Fédération Thermale et Climatique Française (FTCF)** voted unanimously the re-election of their president, Dr. Christian Corne, for three years more.

In this new mandate, Christian Corne intends not only to support and participate to the work of the AFRETh (Association Française pour la Recherche Thermale) in order to provide scientific evidence of the Actual Medical Benefit of thermalism, but also to emphasize the absolute need to diversify Thermal treatments, with an offer of health stays for a period of one or two weeks.

The outgoing treasurer of the Association, Jean-Francois Beraud, CEO of Thermauvergne has also been re-elected.

- **The coordination of the different thermal bodies**

Since his election to the **FTCF**, Dr. Corne considered as priority to work in close consultation with the Conseil National des Exploitants thermaux (**CNETH**) and the Association Nationale des Maires de Communes Thermales (**ANMCT**), at the renewing the image of the sanitary thermalism in particularly in the prevention field.

Through the **FTCF and Thermauvergne**, Christian Corne is more than ever determined to work to ensure that hydrotherapy is a remedy of the future for future generations.

- **Thermalism in the European context**

At the general EHTTA meeting, held in Evian in the context of the annual National Meeting of Thermalism, the General Assembly's members of the European Historical Thermal Towns Association (EHTTA) voted unanimously the re-election of their chairman, Dr. Christian Corne, for a two years more.

The intervention of the Euro – Deputy Jean-Pierre Audy was extremely appreciated by the participants. The MP Jean-Pierre Audy declared that Europe consider health tourism and well-being has great potentialities to grow significantly in the future, despite our old society, and that in this context, the European Parliament proposes to develop thermal activities as a European quality.

The EHTTA Association (European Historical Thermal Towns Association), labelled "European Cultural Route" in May 2010, include 26 spa towns (including Evian, France, Vichy France, Baden Baden-Germany, Bath, UK, Ourense, Spain, Acqui Terme - Italy Montecatini Terme - Italy), that are aware of their immense heritage of and want to increase a policy of tourism development, based on a strategy aiming to the promotion of culture.