

PRESS RELEASE**Harold t' Kint de Roodenbeke, new chairman of the BRAFA*****Renewal, stability and continuity are the key words***

At their General Meeting on Monday 18 June 2012, the members of the non-profit making organisation 'Foire des Antiquaires de Belgique', which organises the BRAFA (*Brussels Antiques & Fine Arts Fair*), re-elected their Board of Directors for a three-year term. After voting could not separate the two candidates for chairman, namely the outgoing chairman Bernard De Leye and his challenger Jos Boon, Harold t'Kint de Roodenbeke from Brussels was elected.

His almost unanimous election reflects the desire for continuity as regards the work carried out in recent years which has made the BRAFA one of the most important dates on the European art market calendar. It also marks a compromise between two visions of the fair which he will now endeavour to reconcile. Renewal, stability and continuity will be the key words of the new chairman, who stated that, during his term in office, he intends *"to continue to expand the fair internationally by ensuring that the number of exhibitors from around the world continues to increase and ensuring sound cost management. Just like previous chairmen of the BRAFA, the legacy left by Bernard De Leye is a considerable one, and I would like to pay tribute to the extremely important work he has carried out during his twelve years on the Board of Directors. The BRAFA is a special event and at the same time an extremely complex one. We need to respond continually to the market trend and to the needs of our exhibitors. I would like to apply this ability to respond and remain open at all times, with the aim of unifying all of the views expressed."*

He will be assisted in this task by a predominantly re-elected Board of Directors consisting of:

- Vice-Chairmen: Patric Didier Claes and Francis Maere
- General Secretary: Christian Vrouyr
- Treasurer: Jean Lemaire
- Administrators: Jos Jamar and Hugues-Jean Lamy

The next BRAFA fair will take place at Tour & Taxis from 19 to 27 January 2013.

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