

## Thomas Leysen elected new Agoria president

*Thomas Leysen will be the new Agoria president, taking over from John Cordier, who passed away on January 22 of this year. Among his many responsibilities, Thomas Leysen holds the post of Managing Director of Umicore and is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the VUM group. Agoria has thus opted for a young president with a background in a growth sector. The federation is thus eager to highlight the key role played by innovation and cutting edge technology in all the sectors that it represents and in Belgium's industrial future.*

Last night, the Agoria Board of Directors decided to appoint Thomas Leysen as the successor of the late lamented President, John Cordier. Thomas Leysen will initially complete his predecessor's presidential term of office, which runs until April 2004. He was already a member of the Agoria Board of Directors and was also Chairman of the Metals and Materials sectoral committee (formerly known as non ferrous metals). His application still needs to be formally ratified by the General Meeting on April 24 2002.

Thomas Leysen (41) is the Managing Director of Umicore (formerly Union Minière). He is also Chairman of the Board of Directors of VUM media and director of KBC Banque et Assurance, Alcatel Bell and of Atlas Copco (Sweden).

The Agoria Board of Directors took the opportunity during the appointment of its new President to honour the memory of John Cordier who passed away on January 22 of this year at the age of 60. The federation once again underlined his capacity to inspire and motivate a team, his social commitment and, above all, his affability.

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