

Transition of International Leadership

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Dr Michael Balcomb introducing the dream team of Regional Presidents

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During the 30 Year Anniversary of the G-CARP Rally against the Berlin Wall another significant event took place: Following the Madison Square Garden Event in July, True Mother had restructured the Cheon Il Guk regions, and had created a new region “Europe - Russia (incl. former satellite states) - Middle-East (including Pakistan and Afghanistan)”. So, in the presence of Yeon-Ah Nim and 400 European participants, the new Chairman for this Europe Regional Group, Dr. Michael Balcomb, was officially introduced.



Newly appointed Regional Group Chairman for Europe Michael Balcomb

After Jack’s reflecting words, future Regional President Northern Europe, David Hanna, introduced Dr Michael Balcomb, who then explained a bit about his life, his spirit and his recent work with True Mother. He also introduced his “dream-team”, the other future Regional Presidents: Dieter Schmidt (Central Europe), Giuseppe Cali (Southern Europe), Jean-Francois Moulinet (Western Europe) and Umberto Angelucci (Middle-East).

In the future, also UPF General Secretary Jacques Marion can work with a strong elder brother: President UPF-Europe, Mr. Katsumi Otsuka. He shortly outlined the years after his joining in 1971, and especially his common experiences with Hyo Jin Nim at the CARP Convention 30 years ago.

The ceremony was concluded with three strong Mansei’s by Umberto Angelucci.

When the old and new European representatives of the Unification Movement met next morning for Hoon Dok Hae, Dr. Balcomb could share a gift from our True Mother for the new European Regions: High quality KONA coffee from Hawaii.



Newly appointed Regional President for Eastern Europe Jack Corley

But first UK leader Matthew Huish honored former European chairman Jack Corley, who will serve in the future as Regional President Eastern-Europe (including Russia). A good choice, because Jack had intensely worked in Russia in the post-Soviet era.



Newly appointed President UPF-Europe Katsumi Otsuka



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Europe & Affiliated Regions



Region	Affiliated Nations
Northern Europe	UK, Ireland, Iceland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland (Scandinavian Nations)
Western Europe	France, Monaco, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands (Benelux Nations)
Eastern Europe (Eurasia)	Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia (Nations formerly of the Soviet Union), Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Romania, Albania, Bulgaria (Balkan Nations)
Southern Europe	Italy, San Marino, Vatican City (Italian Peninsula Nations), Spain, Portugal, Andorra, Gibraltar (Iberian Peninsula Nations), Greece, Malta
Central Europe	Germany, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Slovenia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary
Central Asia	Nepal, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
Middle East	Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Yemen

Regional Group	Regional Group Chairman	Affiliated Regions	Regional President
Europe	Michael Balcomb	Northern Europe	David Hanna
		Western Europe	Jean François Moulinet
		Southern Europe	Giuseppe Cali
		Central Europe	Dieter Schmidt
		Eastern Europe (Eurasia)	Jack Corley
		Middle East	Umberto Angelucci