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### **At 33rd WDC in Shanghai, DMA elects new officers**

Antwerp, May 19, 2008 — The International Diamond Manufacturers Association (IDMA), the representative body of the world's diamond manufacturers, elected new officers at the conclusion of its meetings at the 33<sup>rd</sup> World Diamond Congress, which is the biennial gathering of IDMA and the World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB).

President:	Moti Ganz.
Vice Presidents:	Eduard Denkens Archie Luhlabo Vasant Mehta Maxim Shkadov
Secretary-General:	Ronnie Vanderlinden
Treasurer:	Stephane Fischler

At the meeting in Shanghai, outgoing IDMA president Jeffrey Fischer was named the organization's Honorary President.

Biographical information on the new officers is available from the IDMA website, at [www.idma.net](http://www.idma.net). The bio of Archie Luhlabo, vice president of the Master Cutters Association of South Africa, will be made available soonest.

As IDMA also voted to accept two new members – Armenia and Botswana, background information also will be uploaded on the IDMA website in the coming weeks.

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#### **About IDMA**

IDMA was founded and convened for the first time in 1946, in Antwerp. It is committed to fostering and promoting the highest ideals of honesty and best practice principles throughout the global diamond industry, as well as full compliance with all relevant national and international laws. The organization has developed and adopted a Code of Conduct, which is binding on all 15 member associations. IDMA also works to encourage fair and honorable practices and decent working conditions for industry employees; and to preserve, protect and promote consumer trust and confidence in diamonds. It encourages and supports social responsibility by the industry in respect to all citizens of the world. The Association has played an active role in establishing the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme and is a co-founder of the World Diamond Council.

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