



## CECIP Annual Presidential Elections

Vincent M. van der Wel, founder of Penko Engineering b.v. and expert advisor on all matters of weighing has been re-elected as President of CECIP

### About CECIP.

CECIP is the European committee of industrial manufacturers of weighing equipment. It has been founded almost simultaneously with the European Union in 1956. According to its statutes it stands for high quality equipment and technical progress. Internally and externally it has to cooperate in a friendly way.

CECIP is ruled by a board, as a remnant of the French speaking time called “bureau”. For the daily business two working groups are active, a Legal Metrology Working Group and a Business and Trade Group.

Of these two the legal metrology group is the most important; in fact it is CECIP’s stronghold. It follows the international legislation and normalisation; in Europe as well as worldwide. At this very moment the working group deals with a major issue concerning the streamlining of European legislation. This may cause challenges for the weighing industry such as:

1. new normalisation may be required for currently approved equipment;
2. approval documents, currently written in English as a standard, can be required in the applicable national language. Today Europe has 23 languages;
3. influencing the relation between a manufacturer and his representative. This has nothing to do with technical directives;
4. an administrative burden, because the manufacturer will be obliged to store the full approval documentation for ten years and have it available on call for the authorities.

A concern for the business and trade group is the lack of market surveillance by the authorities. While European manufacturers face a growing number of quality measures, there seems to be no control over equipment outside of the EU. This means unfair competition. An



investigation, done by the group on 37 non-European scales, proved that only one fulfilled the requirements.

So there is work to be done. That's why CECIP decided to select a strong president for the forthcoming three years. Guess who: our very own Vincent M. van der Wel. The election took place on the 3d of June this year during CECIP's General Assembly in Bratislava, the Slovakian Republic.