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Irish Security Industry Association Elects First Female President

The members of the Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA) elected its first female President, Sheenagh McCullagh, yesterday at its Annual General Meeting in Croke Park. Sheenagh has been involved in the ISIA for over six years and will be the 22nd President of the ISIA since its formation in 1972. McCullagh is head of human resources for electronic security and systems provider, Stanley Security Solutions.

McCullagh has been involved with the work of the ISIA for over six years and has also served as Chairman of the Electronic Division and as Vice President. She was the first female to hold any seat on the ISIA's Council of Management, the team responsible for managing this representative body. The ISIA's Council of Management is made up entirely of representatives from ISIA member companies.

Commenting on her new role, McCullagh stated, "This is a very exciting and challenging role and I look forward to the year ahead, working on behalf of my peers. I originally became involved with the ISIA due to my strong belief in raising standards within the industry".

A belief in standards was echoed in her address to the members of the ISIA when she stated, "Membership of the ISIA confirms a professional integrity on us, the work we do, the advice we give and the opinions we express. Like any great structure, you need a firm foundation. Our foundation is the requirements we set for entry and the ISIA's quality standard, Qualsec."

Also elected to office at the AGM were Niall Feely of G4S as Vice President and Chris Clinch of GSLS as Treasurer of the association. Speaking on the election of the new representatives, Sarah O'Donnell, Communications Director with the ISA said "the experience of the newly appointed President, Vice President and Treasurer combined with our most recent Past President, Sean Malone, provides the ISIA with a leadership team that has an incredibly wide breadth of knowledge and experience of private security. As the only industry body representing all sectors of private security, this is of key importance".

About the Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA)
The ISIA was established in 1972 and represents security companies across eight divisions of private security including; guarding services, electronic security, event and entertainment security, monitoring centres, transport/cash-in-transit, physical security, security consultants and secure data destruction.

The ISIA has a long tradition of driving standards in security and has set requirements for membership that go beyond regulatory requirements. The members of the ISIA are representative of approximately 70% of both the turnover and the employees in the industry.

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