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## Press Release

### FEM says goodbye to Anton Grob as he retires

The European Manufacturers' Association of Materials Handling is saying goodbye to a long-serving member: after more than 30 years of playing an active role in the committees of the FEM (European Federation of Materials Handling), Anton Grob is retiring, and resigning from his voluntary work and involvement in the manufacturers association.

At the beginning of 2010, Anton Grob also handed over his responsibility as Managing Director of Swiss-based chain hoist manufacturer GIS to Mr. Ivan Muri. Since then, he has held the post of Chairman of the Administrative Board of GIS AG

During his years in the FEM, Mr. Grob was involved in a number of areas with a high level of commitment, including standardization issues, the organizational restructuring of the FEM product group, and the repositioning of the FEM as an advocate and lobby for the industry, which aims to achieve and maintain a close cooperation with the legislative authorities in Brussels. From **2004** to **2008**, Mr. Grob held posts as President and Vice-President of the board of the Cranes and Lifting Equipment product group, and, most recently, acted as an advisor to the current board.

At the product group's board meeting held in Frankfurt on January 28, 2010, current President Otmar Buhmann (Konecranes) expressed heartfelt thanks to his predecessor Anton Grob for his longstanding commitment and involvement, and presented him with a gift basket.

#### **About the FEM:**

FEM has been representing the interests of European manufacturers of materials handling, lifting, and storage equipment since it was founded in 1953. FEM is a non-profit trade association based in Brussels, Belgium. The FEM represents more than 1,000 companies and 160,000 employees in an industry that achieves an annual turnover of 45 billion euros. For more information on the FEM visit: [www.fem-eur.com](http://www.fem-eur.com)

#### **Attachments:**

- FEM Logo
- Presentation "This is FEM"
- Photo: Presentation of the gift basket



**Attachment 1:**



**Attachment 2:** Otmar Buhmann presents Anton Grob with a gift basket

