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## **Carlos Banchik Elected President Of International Monorail Association**

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Las Vegas - Carlos Banchik, President of Innova Technologies, has been elected President of the International Monorail Association (IMA).

Banchik, whose company has been a member of the IMA since 2010, was elected to the position at the IMA meeting in Dresden, Germany. His term ends in the fall of 2016.

"I am deeply honored to accept these new responsibilities on behalf of IMA. IMA is the world's most important forum for exchanging vital information on this state-of-the-art mass transportation system," Banchik said. "I appreciate the members who have assisted and supported the Association to this date."

"I'm committed to grow and expand the organization's profile to provide a forum for those involved in the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of elevated monorail structures around the world, and provide communities access to modern, effective and efficient transportation systems."

His executive board consists of Jaap H. Ketel, General Secretary, Paul Tulp, Treasurer, and Peter Keller, Member.

"Carlos Banchik is an involved and committed Monorail professional to the cause of the development and increased knowledge of Monorail Technology worldwide," said Jaap Ketel. "Carlos is a driving force to grow the Association. With that goal in mind he proposed several ideas which appealed to our membership."

Since being elected as President, Banchik has worked on strengthening the reach of the organization, helped plan the 2013 meeting in Korea by working with companies worldwide that may be interested in monorails and targeted embassies located in South Korea to communicate with planning organizations within their countries to attend the meeting in Korea.

Banchik is recognized as an expert in the design and construction engineering of monorail projects.

Banchik started Innova Technologies in 2003. Under his leadership, Innova has grown to be a leading boutique engineering firm in the areas of monorail and people-mover transit and construction engineering.

Banchik and many people in his staff have worked on several major transportation projects, including the Las Vegas Monorail, MGM-Bally's Monorail, Hoover Dam Bypass Bridge, Harmon-Las Vegas Blvd Pedestrian Bridge, Waikoloa Hotel Tramway Bogie Design in Hawaii, and a 24-km-long Monorail in Sao Paulo, Brazil, connecting the Vila Prudente to Cidade Tiradentes.

Prior to establishing Innova Technologies, Banchik gained more than 20 years' experience working with numerous public and private transportation systems, and had been responsible for more than \$10 million of design fees and \$800 million of construction cost.

Beginning his engineering education in civil engineering at the Universidad Nacional de Salta - Salta, Argentina, Banchik received a Master of Engineering degree in Structural Engineering and Structural Mechanics (SESM) from the University of California, Berkeley.

## **International Monorail Association**

The International Monorail Association is a members association of companies whose mission is to organize the global monorail sector, promote the application of monorail, publish information, and establish performance standards for monorail for public mass transport infrastructure.

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