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### **Mobile Satellite Users Association Announces 2020 Board of Directors, Board Leadership and Welcomes New Members XipLink, Pivotel America and OmniSpace**

*Satellite Communications In the Digital Transformation Era to be promoted through New Podcast Series and User Community Outreach Program*

*Mobility Innovation Award Winners to be Celebrated at SATELLITE 2020 Luncheon*

**McLean, Va., February 27, 2020** – [Mobile Satellite Users Association](#) (MSUA) today announces its 2020 Board of Directors, Board Leadership, and welcomes three new association members. MSUA is a nonprofit association dedicated to promoting satellite mobility innovation and the development of satellite mobility markets worldwide. The association fosters the exchange of news, information, and ideas among mobility providers and users, including those focused on communications, navigation, safety, and other evolving new digital era applications.

Representing mobility market leaders operating in markets and geographies around the world, MSUA's 2020 Board of Directors includes, (*in alphabetical order*):

- Rebecca Cowen-Hirsch, Senior Vice President, Government Strategy & Policy, US Government Business Unit, Inmarsat
- Lisa Dreher, CEO, GuideForce
- Erwan Emilian, Executive Vice President Enterprise & Emerging Markets at Speedcast
- Kim Bille Gram, Vice President, New Business Development, Cobham SATCOM
- Richard Hadsall, Global Vice President, Network Operations at Kymeta Corporation
- J. Alberto Palacios, CEO, Globalsat Group
- Morris Shawn, President of Roadpost Inc.
- John Stolte, Executive Vice President, Technology and Operations, ORBCOMM
- Mark Sykes, Director, Applied Satellite Technology (AST)

Erwan Emilian of Speedcast was re-elected to serve as the Board Chair, and Mark Sykes of AST was elected to serve as Vice-Chair. Additionally, John Stolte of ORBCOMM will continue serving as Board Treasurer, and Lisa Dreher of GuideForce will continue as Chair of MSUA's Mobility Marketing Committee.

"This year, MSUA will be rolling out a couple of exciting new programs, including a new podcast series and development of new satellite user communities," said **Erwan Emilian, MSUA Board Chair**. "I am excited to be teaming with MSUA's new Vice-Chair, Mark Sykes, and to be collaborating with all members of the MSUA board, association, and staff to promote MSUA's vision of promoting satellite in the transforming digital world."

This year MSUA welcomes new members [XipLink](#), [Pivotel America](#), and [OmniSpace](#) and encourages other mobility-focused satellite groups to join the association too.

MSUA is preparing to celebrate this year's SATELLITE 2020 Mobility Innovation Award Contest Winners at a luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Dr. Mark Matossian, Chief Executive Officer, ICEYE US subsidiary of ICEYE, and formerly of Special Projects at Google, will be this year's keynote speaker. "Dr. Matossian will be an ideal speaker for MSUA's luncheon," said **Catherine Melquist, President of MSUA**. "He's uniquely qualified to share insights and guidance on market dynamics from inside and out of the satellite industry."

Luncheon tickets and VIP tables can be purchased online when registering for SATELLITE 2020 or by emailing [finance@msua.org](mailto:finance@msua.org). For more information about MSUA, visit [www.msua.org](http://www.msua.org).

## About MSUA

The Mobile Satellite Users Association is a nonprofit association dedicated to promoting satellite mobility innovation and the development of the satellite mobility market worldwide. The association fosters the exchange of news, information, and ideas among mobility providers and users, including those focused on communications, navigation, safety, and other evolving new applications.

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