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POSTAL SERVICE OFFICIAL TO LEAD GROUP IN GLOBAL POSTAL CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. — USPS Vice President of International Business, James Wade, has been elected chairman of the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union (UPU). Wade was selected for the post at a recent meeting of the Council held during the 23rd UPU Congress, a three-week gathering of 175 member countries whose common goal is to improve worldwide mail service. The meeting was held in Bucharest, Romania.

The Postal Operations Council, comprised of representatives from 40 member countries, oversees technical, economic, commercial and operational aspects of the UPU. It shares position as a vital arm of the UPU along with that organization's Council of Administration, Consultative Committee and International Bureau.

Wade's chairing of the Postal Operations Council places the USPS in a position to play a significant leadership role in the UPU over the next four years. Some of the Postal Service's major goals within the UPU are to further develop the organization's capability to set quantitative goals for service performance, to monitor performance against these goals, and to help member postal administrations take corrective action and improve their network performance.

"The Postal Service will continue to be an active participant on this Council," said Wade. "My chairing this Council places the Postal Service's finger on the pulse of its activities," he added. "I believe this position will allow us to effect positive change." Among Wade's Postal Service responsibilities is his continued oversight of UPU activities.

Newly appointed to work with Wade in Postal Operations Council action groups are USPS colleagues Chief Postal Inspector, Lee Heath, who will head the UPU Postal Security Action Group, and Senior Vice President of Intelligent Mail and Address Quality, Charlie Bravo, who will lead the UPU Standards Board.