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Science Europe Governing Board Appoints Acting Director

(Brussels, 9 March 2017) Science Europe is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephan Kuster as its Acting Director. Appointed by the Science Europe Governing Board, Kuster took over from Amanda Crowfoot on 3 March, following her departure after five years in the role of Director.

Kuster joined Science Europe in 2012 as Head of Policy Affairs. Before that, he was European Advisor at SwissCore, the Swiss information and liaison office for European research, innovation and education in Brussels. “He has a wealth of experience developing advocacy strategies on key issues for scientific research in Europe, and a strong working relationship with Science Europe’s Member Organisations. This makes him the perfect candidate to lead the Science Europe Office at this time”, said Michael Matlosz, President of Science Europe.

Speaking about his new role, Kuster said: “These are exciting times for Science Europe. Our Member Organisations play a key role in fostering scientific excellence in Europe. By offering them a platform to join forces on important policy issues, Science Europe contributes to evidence-based research policy making in Europe. In the coming months we will actively bring the voice of research excellence to ongoing processes, including the design of the Horizon 2020 successor Framework Programme (FP9) and discussions on advancing a better and broader understanding of the value and impact of scientific research. It is an honour to take up this role and work on behalf of our Member Organisations and I look forward to collaborating with them, and with our European and global partners.”

Notes to Editors

Science Europe is an association of major European research funding and research performing organisations in 27 countries, established in 2011 to promote the collective interest of its members and to foster collaboration between them. For more information see: www.scienceeurope.org.

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