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SCIENCE EUROPE APPOINTS FIRST DIRECTOR

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Science Europe has today (9th February) announced the appointment of its first Director, Amanda Crowfoot.

Amanda will be responsible for building up the Science Europe Office to include approximately fifteen additional staff by the end of 2012. She will also lead the establishment of its six Scientific Committees which will represent the science community, as well as taking forward Science Europe's active policy agenda, particularly concerning the development of the European Research Area.

Ms. Crowfoot said, "I am delighted to be taking on the role of Director of Science Europe. This is an exciting and challenging time in terms of the development of the European Research Area and the strengthening of the European science base, and Science Europe has a key role to play in this. I look forward to helping to build on the excellent work done by the Pilot Office, and to working with all Member Organisations and the wider research community in shaping the future of research."

Paul Boyle, President of Science Europe said "We are extremely pleased that Amanda will be taking up this critical position at Science Europe. With her extensive experience in Brussels; knowledge of the perspectives of national research organisations and the wider research stakeholder community, she is very well equipped to establish the Science Europe office as an important component of the European research landscape."

Amanda has been Director of the UK Research Office (UKRO) since 2005. UKRO is the Brussels office of the seven UK Research Councils (RCUK), facilitating effective engagement in EU research, innovation and higher education activities by supporting input into policy development, and by delivering a suite of support services for around 140 subscribing organisations.

Amanda will begin at Science Europe on Monday 26th March 2012. Until that time Craig Bardsley will remain as the interim Director.

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Note to editors

Science Europe is an association of forty-nine of Europe's national research funding and research performing organisations. Based in Brussels, it provides a platform for the joint development of research policy and strategy among its members, and a collective voice for science in engaging with key stakeholders both within and beyond Europe. Science Europe is an international non-profit organisation (AISBL) incorporated under Belgian law.