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Science Europe Governing Board Appoints New Acting President (10 July 2015)

Science Europe has today announced the appointment of Dr.ir. Elisabeth Monard as its new Acting President. Dr Monard will be taking over from Professor Miguel Seabra with immediate effect, after he stepped down from his position as President of the organisation on grounds of ill health.

Prior to her new appointment, Elisabeth Monard, who is the Secretary General of the Research Foundation Flanders (FWO), was one of two Vice-Presidents of Science Europe. She was trained as a civil engineer (applied chemistry) and holds a PhD in Applied Sciences from the KU Leuven, Belgium. Her professional career began as a teaching and research assistant at the KU Leuven. This was followed by a position as engineering director at the Federal Department of Public Health in the division Radiation Protection. From 1989 until 2005 she was the secretary of the Flemish Science Policy Council.

“We welcome Elisabeth as Acting President of the organisation, however we are sorry to say goodbye to Miguel under these circumstances,” said Amanda Crowfoot, Director of Science Europe. “He has played an instrumental role in the development of the organisation over the past year, and his contribution has helped to further position the organisation as the voice of research funding and research performing organisations in Europe. We wish him all the best with his recuperation.”

A new President and Governing Board will be elected at the next Science Europe General Assembly meeting in November.

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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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