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Press Release

FEMS changes guards, Dr Bernhard Schink assumes presidency



Delft, The Netherlands - 28 September 2010 – Dr Bernhard Schink assumed the presidency of the Federation of European Microbiological Society (FEMS) on Saturday, 25 September, following the 37th FEMS Council Meeting in Prague, Czech Republic. He was elected to the post a year before to succeed former FEMS President Dr. Milton da Costa from Portugal.

Dr Schink, a native of Germany, was the Vice President of FEMS for three years before replacing Dr Da Costa. He is a member of the scientific council which advises the German government and its federal states in the development of science and research. Dr Schink is professor of Microbial Ecology and Head of the Institute of Limnology of the University of Konstanz in Germany.

Along with Dr Schink, Dr Jean-Claude Piffaretti assumed the post of Vice President, Dr Roland Koerner replaced Dr Maurice Lock for the role of Treasurer and Dr Hans Wolf is new FEMS Member-at-Large. He is also responsible for organization of activities such as the biennial FEMS Congresses.

FEMS is the umbrella organization of more than 40 microbiological societies in more than 30 European countries. It caters to over 30, 000 microbiologists with the mission of advancing and unifying microbiology knowledge. #