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Press release

EMEA announces new Head of Unit for Communications and networking

Thomas Lönngren, EMEA Executive Director, today welcomed Mr Hans Georg Wagner as he began his new position as Head of Unit for communications and networking.

Dr Wagner joins the EMEA from the European Commission, where he was head of sector for informatics in the Euratom Safeguards Office of the Directorate-General for Energy and Transport. He oversaw the implementation of a number of IT projects, including the overhaul of the IT infrastructure of the Euratom Safeguards Directorate. Dr Wagner is of German nationality and was born on 29 November 1948. He has qualifications in applied physics and mathematics and received a doctorate in materials science from Saarbrücken University, Germany, in 1981. After a number of research and consultancy positions, he joined the European Commission in 1986. In addition to his IT skills, Dr Wagner also brings to the EMEA his experience as an ISO 9000 lead auditor.

The Unit for Communications and networking is responsible for facilitating communications and networks between the Agency's partners. In particular the Unit will focus on the communication tools and IT systems needed to bring together the Agency with the 27 different competent authorities in the Member States, the European Union institutions and the public. This includes the expected transfer from the European Commission to the Agency in 2003 of responsibility for the IT systems that allow secure regulatory exchange between authorities and industry during submission and evaluation of medicines.

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NOTES:

1. This press release, together with other information about the work of the Agency, can be found on the EMEA web site: <http://www.emea.eu.int>
2. The Unit for Communications and networking is made up of 4 sectors:

Unit for Communications and networking

Head of Unit: Hans Georg WAGNER

Sector for Document management and publishing

Head of Sector: Beatrice FAYL

The Sector is responsible for document management and publishing, and also for methods and standards for electronic communications.

Sector for Project management

Head of Sector: Tim BUXTON

This Sector is responsible for cross-Agency projects, including project management of IT developments.

Sector for Meeting management and conferences

Head of Sector: Sylvie BÉNÉFICE

The Sector is responsible for the large number of meetings held at the EMEA and for looking at new methods to bring people together.

Sector for Information technology

Head of Sector: Michael ZOURIDAKIS

The Sector is responsible for running and maintenance of the Agency's IT systems.

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