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European Medicines Agency's Management Board nominates Guido Rasi as new Executive Director

Designated Executive Director to be confirmed after hearing by European Parliament

The European Medicines Agency's Management Board has nominated Guido Rasi on 8 June 2011 as new Executive Director of the Agency. The Executive Director-designate has been invited to a hearing in front of the European Parliament Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety on 13 July 2011. The Board will officially appoint the new Executive Director following his hearing and a positive response from the European Parliament.

Mr. Rasi has been Director-General of the Italian Medicines Agency and a member of the European Medicines Agency's Management Board since 2008¹.

Mr. Rasi holds a Degree in medicine and surgery, with specialisation in internal medicine, allergology and clinical immunology from the University of Rom. From 1978 to 1990, Mr. Rasi worked as physician in hospital, research and private practice. He worked from 1990 to 2008 in research at the Institute for Experimental Medicine of the National Research Council in Rome, directing the molecular medicine section from 2002 to 2005 and the Tor Vegata section from 2005 to 2008. He was made full professor of microbiology at the University of Rome (Tor Vegata) in 2008.

Andreas Pott will continue his role as Acting Executive Director until Guido Rasi takes office.

Notes

1. This press release, together with all related documents, is available on the Agency's website.
2. Mr. Rasi's curriculum vitae and his declaration of interests is available on the Agency's website.
3. A high resolution photograph of Mr. Rasi can be downloaded from the Agency's website.

¹ 10/06/2011: Date of Management Board membership corrected from 2010 to 2008.

4. More information on the work of the European Medicines Agency can be found on its website:
www.ema.europa.eu

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