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ERC Highlight:

New Vice President of the European Research Council

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ERC Scientific Council has today elected Professor Klaus Bock as new Vice President of the European Research Council (ERC), alongside the current two Vice Presidents, Professors Mart Saarma and Núria Sebastián Gallés. He will take over on 1 January 2016, when the term of office of current Vice-President Professor Sierd Cloetingh ends.

As Vice President, Prof. Bock will be in charge of the domain Physical Sciences and Engineering.

The three Vice-Presidents are also members of the ERC Board together with the ERC President and the Director of the ERC Executive Agency. The Board oversees the implementation of the ERC strategy and work programme established by the Scientific Council. The ERC has a budget of over €13 billion for the years 2014 to 2020.

Klaus Bock, who holds a PhD in Organic Chemistry from Technical University of Denmark, is a member of the ERC Scientific Council since February 2013. He was Chairman of the Danish National Research Foundation 2004 to 2012 and has previously been Executive Vice President for Research of Carlsberg A/S. He was the Champion of Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF) 2014 held in Copenhagen.

Note to the editors

The European Research Council, set up by the European Union in 2007, is the first European funding organisation for excellent frontier research. Every year, it selects and funds the very best, creative researchers of any nationality and age, to run projects based in Europe. The ERC also strives to attract top researchers from anywhere in the world to come to Europe. To date, the ERC has funded more than 5,000 top researchers at various stages of their careers.

The ERC consists of an independent Scientific Council and an Executive Agency. The Scientific Council, the ERC's governing body, is composed of 22 eminent scientists and scholars, including the ERC President, who define the scientific funding strategy and methodologies. They act on behalf of the scientific community in Europe to promote creativity and innovative research. Since 1 January 2014, Prof. Jean-Pierre Bourguignon is the ERC President and the Chair of the Scientific Council.

The ERC is part of the EU research and innovation programme, Horizon 2020, for which European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science Carlos Moedas is responsible.

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