

Fusion for Energy appoints Dr. Frank Briscoe as Director ad interim

The Governing Board of the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (Fusion for Energy) today appointed Dr. Frank Briscoe as Director ad interim. Dr. Briscoe was Operations Director at the UK's fusion centre at Culham in Oxfordshire and recently led an independent assessment of the cost estimates of the ITER Organization for the construction of ITER.

The Governing Board thanked the outgoing Director, Dr. Didier Gambier, for his work. Dr. Gambier will take up a new position with the European Commission in Brussels.

Dr. Briscoe started his scientific career in 1971. He spent 3 years with British Gas and then joined to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA), working first on fission and then on fusion. From 1985, he increasingly became involved in the management of fusion activities. He then spent 5 years supplying high technology equipment to third parties. From 1996, he managed all UKAEA operational activities at the Culham Science Centre including the fusion experiments MAST and (from 2000) JET. Dr. Briscoe retired from UKAEA in 2008, but stayed in contact with ITER; in particular, from June 2008 to November 2009 he led an international assessment of the ITER Organization cost estimates for the construction of ITER.

Background information:

With an annual budget of around €400 million and around 200 technical, scientific and administrative staff at its headquarters in Barcelona, Spain, Fusion for Energy plays a key role in realising fusion as a potential limitless source of energy by providing the European contributions to the ITER International Fusion Energy project and the Broader Approach Agreement with Japan.

For more information about Fusion for Energy and ITER see:

<http://fusionforenergy.europa.eu>

<http://www.iter.org>

Contacts:

For Media Enquiries:

Aris Apollonatos

Communication and Information Officer

Fusion for Energy

Josep Pla, 2 Torres Diagonal Litoral B3 08019 Barcelona

Tel. +34 93 320 18 33

Fax. +34 93 320 18 51

aris.apollonatos@f4e.europa.eu

<http://fusionforenergy.europa.eu>