



EIROForum Press Release

Magna Carta for Researchers

EIROforum Supports the EC Charter and Code of Conduct



The signature of the statement of support. From left to right: Richard Wagner, Director of the ILL, David Southwood, Scientific Director of ESA, Robert Aymar, Director General of CERN, Bill Stirling, Director General of ESRF, Catherine Cesarsky, Director General of ESO, Francesco Romanelli, EFDA-JET leader and Silke Schumacher, Coordinator International Relations and Communication of the EMBL.

Brussels, 14 December 2006 - Today, Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research received a statement of support for the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers from EIROforum.

“The EIROforum partners warmly welcome this valuable initiative by the European Commission” said Prof. William G. Stirling, Director General of

ESRF and present Chairman of EIROforum. “This is an important step towards the implementation of the European Research Area.”

The European Charter for Researchers addresses the roles, responsibilities and entitlements of researchers and their employers or funding organisations. It aims at ensuring that the relationship between these parties contributes to successful performance in the generation, transfer and sharing of knowledge, and to the career development of researchers.

The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers aims to improve recruitment, to make selection procedures fairer and more transparent and proposes different means of judging merit. Merit should not just be measured on the number of publications but on a wider range of evaluation criteria, such as teaching, supervision, teamwork, knowledge transfer, management and public awareness activities.

In their statement, signed at the EIROforum Assembly on 15 November 2006, the seven EIROforum organisations support the general principles contained in the Charter and the Code, and will endeavour individually, where appropriate, to implement recommendations that have not yet

About EIROforum:

EIROforum is a collaboration between seven European intergovernmental scientific research organizations. As world leaders within their respective fields, the EIROforum member organizations constitute the vanguard of European science, enabling European scientists to engage in truly cutting-edge research and be competitive on a global scale. These organizations have a vital role to play in the future of European research. EIROforum is composed of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research, CERN; the European Fusion Development Agreement, EFDA, the European Molecular Biology Laboratory, EMBL, the European Space Agency, ESA, the European Southern Observatory, ESO, the European Synchrotron Radiation Facility, ESRF, and the Institut Laue-Langevin, ILL. For more information about EIROforum, visit <http://www.eiroforum.org>.

The Charter and the Code of Conduct is available at

http://europa.eu.int/eracareers/index_en.cfm?l1=31&CFID=5480349&CFTOKEN=132923b9291d4098-D158B8ED-D6BA-095A-721965E43FDBC84A

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