

## **FORATOM Appoints New Secretary General**

**Brussels, 26 June 2001:** FORATOM, the trade association for the nuclear industry in Europe, has appointed a new Secretary General, who will take over from the present holder of the post, Dr. Wolf-J. Schmidt-Küster, after his retirement at the end of July.

Dr. Schmidt-Küster joined FORATOM in 1996 and has been responsible for raising the nuclear industry's profile among the European Institutions by stepping up its institutional affairs and communications activities. The related growth of the FORATOM Secretariat was in response to decisions taken by the European Nuclear Council, made up of CEOs from major European companies active in the nuclear energy sector.

In a recent tribute, FORATOM's President, Mr. Eberhard Wild, described Dr. Schmidt-Küster as a roving ambassador for nuclear power and a tireless advocate of the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

The new Secretary General is Dr. Peter Haug, who has played a leading role for the past 25 years with the German Atomic Forum, which represents the interests of the nuclear industry in Germany, and with the German Nuclear Society (KTG), which represents more than 2,400 specialists in nuclear science and engineering. Dr. Haug was made Secretary General of the German organisations in 1976 and became the forum's Executive Director in 1984.

Dr. Haug holds a Ph.D. in theoretical nuclear physics and spent two years as an assistant university professor before taking on a management role with a Franco-German satellite telecommunications project in 1969. In the 1970s, he was also technical director of a production and service company and vice president of a consulting firm, before making his return to the nuclear energy field.

In recent years, Dr. Haug has been responsible for managing a wide range of actions involving public affairs and public communications for various organisations active in the nuclear energy field in Germany. He has been a member of FORATOM's Supervisory Board since 1996 and was a member of the Executive Committee from 1996-99.

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