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Press Statement

**Federico Rosei appointed
Executive Director of IOCD**



Professor Federico Rosei

Namur, 15 September 2020: The International Organization for Chemical Sciences in Development / Organisation Internationale des Sciences Chimiques pour le Développement (IOCD) is delighted to announce that Federico Rosei has been selected to serve as its next Executive Director. His appointment, which commences on 1 January 2021, follows the decision by the current Executive Director, Alain Krief, to step down after more than 10 years of service.

Professor Federico Rosei received MSc (1996) and PhD (2001) degrees from the University of Rome "La Sapienza". He is a Professor and former Director (2011-2019) of the Centre for Energy, Materials and Telecommunications, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS), Université du Québec, Canada, where he holds the Canada Research Chair in Nanostructured Materials. His research interests focus on nanostructured materials and he has published extensively in this field. In addition to his scientific research, he has engaged strongly with science in low-and middle-income countries. His work in education and science for development has been recognized over the years by several prestigious prizes and chairs, including a UNESCO Chair in Materials and Technologies for Energy Conversion (2014-present), the 2014 Jose Vasconcelos Award of Education (World Cultural Council) and the 2019 John Wheatley Award (American Physical Society).

IOCD's President, the Nobel Laureate Professor Jean-Marie Lehn, warmly welcomed the appointment, noting that Professor Rosei had already been associated with IOCD for several years as the head of its Working Group on Materials for Energy Conversion, Saving and Storage (MATECSS). Congratulating Professor Rosei, Professor Lehn observed that his appointment would commence at the beginning of the year which marks the 40th anniversary of IOCD's founding in 1981 – an auspicious time, under new leadership, to reflect on past achievements and chart a course for the future.

Professor Jean-Marie Lehn also thanked the outgoing Executive Director, Professor Alain Krief, for his decade of successful leadership of IOCD. Professor Alain Krief said that he has been proud to serve IOCD and looked forward to the continuing evolution of the organization.

Professor Rosei said he is “delighted and honoured at being appointed as Executive Director and was greatly looking forward to working with the members of IOCD to continue and further develop the organization's role in promoting the chemical sciences for sustainable development”. He also noted that “The chemical sciences will be central to meeting the great challenges that the world faces in the 21st Century”.

About IOCD

IOCD was founded in a meeting hosted at UNESCO, Paris in July 1981 and subsequently registered in Belgium as a not-for-profit non-governmental organization. It is affiliated with UNESCO, UN-ECOSOC and IUPAC. The mission of IOCD is to promote the pursuit and application of the chemical sciences for sustainable, equitable human development and economic growth, through repositioning chemistry as a science for the benefit of society. Previous Executive Directors were Pierre Crabbé (1981-1987) and Robert Maybury (1987-2009). Prof. Lehn succeeded IOCD's first President, Nobel Laureate Glenn T. Seaborg, in 1992. Further information about IOCD can be found at www.iocd.org.

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