

PRO EUROPE ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS IN KEY MANAGEMENT ROLES

Brussels, 3, May 2005: 10 years after its creation, PRO EUROPE* has announced several new appointments to key roles within the association, which is now represented in 26 countries[1].

After many successful years as joint Managing Directors, PRO EUROPE has announced that Dr Fritz Flanderka and Bernard Hérodin have stepped down. Bernard Hérodin will become PRO EUROPE's co-President, alongside Peter Zühlsdorff. Mr Zühlsdorff was appointed CEO of DSD in January 2005.

Joachim Quoden has been elected PRO EUROPE's new Managing Director. Commenting on the decision, Mr Quoden praised Dr Flanderka and Mr Hérodin for their commitment and dedication to PRO EUROPE over the years, adding he looked forward to carrying out the role of Managing Director by demonstrating the same levels of support and encouragement to PRO EUROPE's members as his predecessors.

Mr Quoden had previously held the position of PRO EUROPE Secretary General, a role which Angela Emons will now fill. Ms Emons had been inter alia the project leader for the organisation of the 2nd International PRO EUROPE Congress in Berlin, which took place in September 2004 attended by more than 600 participants from 37 countries.

PRO EUROPE's new co-President Bernard Hérodin is looking forward to the future and is confident that these new appointments will ensure PRO EUROPE continues to successfully represent its 26 members on both the European and international levels, "We anticipate the coming years will see PRO EUROPE carry on growing its membership and building on the many exciting events and projects it has undertaken to date, such as the Youth Eco-Parliament. Preparations are already underway for our third International PRO EUROPE Congress in Paris in 2006 as well as the second Youth Eco-Parliament."

After the success of the first Youth Eco-Parliament in 2004, PRO EUROPE is delighted to announce that Environment Commissioner Stavros Dimas, European Parliament President Josep Borrell Fontelles and Chair of the European Parliament's Environment Committee, Karl-Heinz Florenz, will welcome a delegation of young people to a reception in the European Parliament on 31 May. This event follows the presentation of the young peoples' White Paper for the Environment to Mr Florenz last year. More details will follow.

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