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**Prof. Warwick Anderson will become the next Secretary General of HFSP**

The International Human Frontier Science Program Organization (HFSP) is pleased to announce that Prof. Warwick Anderson has accepted the offer of the Board of Trustees to follow Prof. Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker as its Secretary General starting from 1 July 2015.

Prof. Anderson comes to HFSP with many years of high level experience in research, science policy and management. He will join HFSP from his current position as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) of Australia, a position he has held since June 2006. At the NHMRC he has played a crucial role in expanding the organizations international research support through the Global Alliance for Chronic Disease and the International Cancer Genome Consortium. He has established many bilateral research funding agreements with HFSP member countries and diverse funding organizations in Southeast Asia and around the world. During his tenure at the NHMRC, Prof. Anderson has renewed the agency's peer review process and introduced new mechanisms for supporting emerging research areas. He also established communication and strategic approaches with Australia's universities and research institutes, established an Australian ethical framework for research misconduct, and successfully managed Australia's stem cell and embryo experimentation legislation.

Prior to his tenure at the NHMRC, he was Head of the School of Biomedical Sciences at Monash University and Head of the Department of Physiology. His research has focused on renal physiology, including morphometric, endocrinological, neural and functional aspects of more recently blood flow modelling. He published over 160 research papers in peer reviewed journals. His sense for basic research that spans across disciplines is well documented because at Monash he was instrumental in building a multidisciplinary School of Biomedical Sciences (as its inaugural head) from 6 previously independent biomedical university departments.

The recent accession of Singapore as a new member and the appointment of Prof. Anderson, represent significant milestones for the HFSP at the time when the program celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Prof. Hirokawa, President of HFSP, commented that "Prof. Warwick Anderson is exceptionally qualified for this position. His experience guarantees the continuity of HFSP's standing in the global scientific community and, at the same time, it is a recognition of the increasing scientific strength of the Asia-Pacific region".

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