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Max Löhning Appointed Chair of the Foundation Council of the Schering Stiftung

The Foundation Council of the Schering Stiftung has a new Chair. On April 1, 2023, Prof. Dr. Max Löhning assumes the chairmanship of the non-profit Berlin-based foundation. The immunologist and osteoarthritis researcher succeeds Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Stefan H.E. Kaufmann, whose statutory term expires on March 30.

“We are delighted to announce the appointment of Max Löhning, a successful and internationally connected scientist, as new Chair of the Foundation Council and look forward to working with him to continue our mission to promote scientific and artistic research,” said Prof. Dr. Christina Weiss, Deputy Chair of the Foundation Council. Honoring the outgoing chair, she said: “During his nine years as Chairman, *Professor* Stefan Kaufmann made a critical contribution to the success of the Schering Stiftung. We warmly thank him for his commitment.”

The new Chair of the Foundation Council, Prof. Dr. Max Löhning, emphasized: “With its focus on the intersection of science and art, the Schering Stiftung occupies a unique place in the German foundation sector. I look forward to the strategic discussions within the Foundation Council and the interactions with all staff members and funding recipients of the Foundation to further advance and develop the exchange among disciplines and the strengthening of scientific excellence.”

About Prof. Dr. Max Löhning

Max Löhning (*1969) carries out research at the Department of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology at Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, as well as at the German Rheumatism Research Center Berlin (DRFZ), where he directs the Pitzer Laboratory of Osteoarthritis Research, which is funded by the Willy Robert Pitzer Stiftung and the Dr. Rolf M. Schwiete Stiftung. Foundations have played a major role throughout his career. As a fellow of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung des deutschen Volkes), he studied biology in Mainz and earned his doctorate in 2000 at the Institute for Genetics at the University of Cologne with research stays at NIH in Bethesda, Maryland, and at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. After a postdoc at the Institute of Experimental Immunology at ETH/University Hospital Zürich, Switzerland, which was supported by the Schering Stiftung, he moved to Berlin to serve as Volkswagen Foundation-funded Lichtenberg Professor at the Charité before he was appointed Professor of Experimental Immunology and Osteoarthritis Research in 2012. Max Löhning is a member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) where he has served as Spokesperson of its Biological and Medical Science Class since 2017. In addition, he is a member of the board of the Deutsche Rheumastiftung, a former member of Die Junge Akademie at the BBAW and of the Leopoldina – German National Academy of Sciences, and the recipient of several science awards.

*The **Schering Stiftung** promotes the life sciences, contemporary art, and scientific and cultural education. A key focus of the Foundation’s activities is on projects at the intersection of science and art: These include exhibitions and dialogue formats bringing together scientists, artists, and the general public. The independent and nonprofit Schering Stiftung was established in 2002 by Schering AG, Berlin. The Foundation’s endowment is 35 million euro. Twice a year, the Foundation Council decides how to allocate the Foundation’s funds. Its members include high-level leaders from the arts, science, and business sectors.*

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