

Society for Endocrinology media release

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Society for Endocrinology appoints new Chief Executive

The Society for Endocrinology and its trading company BioScientifica are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Leon Heward-Mills to the post of Chief Executive of the Society for Endocrinology and Managing Director of BioScientifica Ltd.

Leon brings with him 15 years of experience of working with learned societies and their trading companies through his previous role as Head of Publishing at Thomas Telford Ltd, the subsidiary company of the Institution of Civil Engineers. He will take up his post on 1 June 2011. He replaces Sue Thorn, who stepped down from the post in September 2010 following 19 years of service.

Leon read Law and Biology at university and has spent his career to date in scientific publishing. He worked initially at Chapman and Hall, before moving to Thomas Telford Ltd. Here, he was Head of Publishing with responsibility for a portfolio of 30 journals and 30 books a year. In addition, he took on the role of Vice Chairman of the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP).

Prof Julia Buckingham, Chairman of the Society for Endocrinology, said:

“I’m delighted to have appointed Leon to the role of Chief Executive of the Society for Endocrinology and Managing Director of BioScientifica. Leon brings with him a wealth of experience that will help the Society and BioScientifica build on their current success and keep supporting our membership in these difficult economic times. Both Council and the staff at the Bristol office look forward to welcoming Leon to the company.”

Leon Heward-Mills, new Chief Executive of the Society for Endocrinology said:

“I’m delighted to be joining the Society for Endocrinology and BioScientifica as Chief Executive. The two organisations have an unrivalled reputation for providing members, client organisations and the international community with the highest levels of service and content. I look forward to working with staff, Council and members of the Society to build on these achievements.”

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