

Corbion CEO Tjerk de Ruiter appointed as new EuropaBio Chairman

PRESS RELEASE

28 June 2018, Brussels: We are delighted to announce that EuropaBio's Executive Board and General Assembly of Members this week confirmed the appointment of Tjerk de Ruiter as Chairman of the association. Mr. De Ruiter is CEO of Dutch industrial biotech innovator Corbion, a global market leader in lactic acid, lactic acid derivatives, and a leading company in emulsifiers, functional enzyme blends, minerals, vitamins and algae ingredients.

Commenting on his appointment, Mr. De Ruiter said: "I am thrilled to become EuropaBio's new Chairman at a time when our sector has a great story to tell about the solutions it can provide in response to some of the bigger questions people and planet are facing today. EuropaBio is uniquely positioned to promote more knowledge about biotech innovation in Europe and to share the enthusiasm of biotech innovators, researchers and entrepreneurs with the wider public. In light of next year's European elections, one of our first priorities will be to ensure policymakers understand that Europe's biotech is globally leading with the innovative solutions the sector provides and that ensuring the right framework for its growth is key for Europe's future.

Mr. De Ruiter's mandate as Chairman is not remunerated and runs until 2020.

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