Press Release:

EASD appoints John Nolan as Chief Development Officer and Chief Scientific Officer

Professor John Nolan, has been appointed joint Chief Development Officer and Chief Scientific Officer (CDO & CSO) of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) and will formally start in his new position on 1 April 2017. Professor Nolan, who has more than 30 years of experience in diabetes research and care will be the first holder of this newly established position at EASD.

Professor Nolan already has a common history with EASD where he has held several positions including Chair of Postgraduate Education from 2006 - 2009 and Associate as well as Deputy Editor (in 2010) for the Association’s journal Diabetologia.

As CDO & CSO, he will oversee the scientific programme of the EASD Annual Meetings, postgraduate education activities as well as all matters related to the European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD). As CDO he will help EASD and EFSD attract increased investment to support ambitious new research and educational programmes.

Prior to his new position at EASD, Professor Nolan served as CEO and Head of the Steno Diabetes Center in Gentofte, Denmark (2011-2016), leading the institution successfully through a strategic and organisational transformation and contributing to significant improvement in its clinical quality and outcomes. His outstanding research has focused on the pathophysiology of type 2 diabetes, particularly insulin resistance and its treatment.

“We are very pleased to welcome John Nolan as Chief Development Officer and Chief Scientific Officer. His extensive experience in diabetes research and care in combination with his proven leadership skills make him a perfect fit for this newly established position at EASD,” said Juleen Zierath, EASD President. “Professor Nolan will play a key role in strengthening EASD’s position as one of the largest networks for diabetologists worldwide, with his expert knowledge he will expand and enhance the Associations’ activities and programmes. His passion and vast experience will also help ensure that EFSD continues to support the best diabetes research across Europe. ”

“While there have been tremendous advances in treatment and public awareness, diabetes still remains insufficiently understood. Through its activities in postgraduate education, financial support of diabetes research through its Foundation, EFSD, and by presenting the latest results from diabetes research at its Annual Meeting, EASD is crucial in closing this gap in order to tackle and eventually eradicate this worldwide epidemic,” said John Nolan. “I am delighted and honored to join EASD in this distinguished role and I look forward to the challenges ahead.”

John Nolan graduated from medical school at University College Dublin and completed his training in Endocrinology and Metabolism at the University of California San Diego. This was followed by faculty positions at University of California San Diego, Trinity College Dublin and at the University of Copenhagen. He is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Dublin and Edinburgh, and, in 2011, was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of Trinity College Dublin.
About EASD
The European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) was founded in 1965 and is based in Düsseldorf, Germany. It is one of the largest networks for diabetologists worldwide with the mission to promote excellence in diabetes care through research and education. EASD membership is open to health care professionals, scientists and nurses as well as students, from all over the world who are interested in the field of diabetes. More information about EASD can be found at: www.easd.org

About EFSD
The European Foundation for the Study of Diabetes (EFSD) was created by the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) to provide funding in all areas of diabetes research across the entire European Region. The aims of EFSD are to encourage and support groundbreaking diabetes research and to promote the next generation of leading diabetes researchers. More information about EFSD can be found at: www.europeandiabetesfoundation.org

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