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Dear all,

"I'm new" - with these words, Eicke Latz, the new Scientific Director of the DRFZ introduced himself to the staff and many guests at the ceremonial handover of office on 2 May. The new Board of Directors is officially now complete.



Prof. Dr. med. Eicke Latz starts at Charité and DRFZ

The Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin appointed Prof. Dr. Eicke Latz as Professor of Experimental Rheumatology on 1 May. He simultaneously became the new Scientific Director of the DRFZ, a Leibniz Institute. At the interface of both institutes, Prof. Latz will research chronic inflammatory and rheumatic diseases.

[Press release by Charité/DRFZ](#)



Interview: Quo vadis, DRFZ?

After 27 years of personnel continuity, the Leibniz Institute's management has now been completely renewed following the appointment of Prof. Dr. Eicke Latz as Scientific Director of the German Rheumatism Research Centre Berlin. Uta Bielfeldt already took up her position as Administrative Director in 2022. We asked them about it.



[Interview with Board of Directors](#)

Farewell to Andreas Radbruch as Scientific Director



The DRFZ bids farewell to Prof. Dr. Andreas Radbruch as Scientific Director of the DRFZ. He will remain at the DRFZ as Senior Group Leader of the Cell Biology group. Prof. Dr Elisabeth Märker-Hermann paid tribute to his commitment to rheumatology research and the DRFZ.

Ceremonial handover at the DRFZ



On 2 May 2023, the leadership baton was passed from Andreas Radbruch to Eicke Latz at a ceremonial event at the DRFZ with 200 guests from the DRFZ's scientific community.

Welcome Eicke Latz ...



... to Berlin
 Dr. Jutta Koch-Unterseher,
 Senatsverwaltung
 für Wissenschaft,
 Gesundheit, Pflege
 und Gleichstellung



... to Leibniz
 Prof. Dr. Heribert
 Hofer, for the
 Leibniz-Association



**... at the
 Charité**
 Prof. Dr. Joachim
 Spranger,
 Dean Charité –
 Universitätsmedizin
 Berlin



Welcoming the new Board of Directors: Uta Bielfeldt and Eicke Latz

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