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C.V. OF MR. PAOLO FASELLA, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DG XII - RESEARCH AND SCIENCE

Mr Paolo Fasella, a noted biochemist and professor at Rome University succeeds Dr Günther Schuster as head of the European Commission's recently stream-lined science and research activities.

Professor Fassella was born in Rome on December 16, 1930 and graduated from the Medical School of the university of Rome in 1954. He received a Ph D in biochemistry (Libera Docenza) in 1960 and was Associate Professor at Rome from 1963-8. He has done research and taught at M.I.T. and Cornell in USA and became Full Professor at Parma in 1968, returning to Rome university in 1971.

Since 1970 he has been involved in a consultative capacity, in industrial and biomedical applications of biochemistry.

In 1972 he was appointed chairman of the European Community Commission for Radiobiology and Molecular Biology and from 1973-7 he was president of the European Molecular Biology Conference. In 1979 he became a member of the European Committee for Research and Development (CERD), the Commission's principal scientific advisory body.

Professor Fasella has published more than 140 scientific papers on various aspects of biochemistry. His most recent work has been concerned with the structure and function of several brain-specific proteins.