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**THE EDQM IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE APPOINTMENT OF:
MS CATHIE VIELLE, HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN PHARMACOPOEIA
DEPARTMENT,
AND DR ANDREA LODI, HEAD OF THE LABORATORY DEPARTMENT**

Ms Vielle, a pharmacist, has a sound background in the pharmaceutical industry. Her working experience includes posts in the fields of quality control, quality assurance, compliance, auditing and supply chain management in a research-based globally operating company. She took up her duties on 14 May 2009.

Dr Andrea Lodi is a chemist with 15 years of industry experience in pharmaceutical development who joined the EDQM in 2000 as Deputy Head of the Laboratory Department. He has published about 20 scientific articles and has registered two pharmaceutical patents. Dr. Lodi took up his new duties on 1 April 2009.

Note for the Editors

The European Pharmacopoeia¹ and the EDQM (the European Directorate for the Quality of Medicines, a Directorate of the Council of Europe notably in charge of the secretariat of the European Pharmacopoeia) have a mission to protect and promote public and animal health, through the elaboration of quality standards of medicines for human and veterinary use.

Medicines need to be safe, efficacious and of good quality in order to produce the expected therapeutic benefit. The EDQM works closely with its international and European partners to strengthen measures in order to ensure that substandard or counterfeit medicines do not reach the marketplace.

The EDQM's networks collaborate on a daily basis with all the authorities involved in the standardisation, regulation and control of medicines for human and veterinary use. The EDQM has expanded progressively its responsibilities to include new areas: blood transfusion, organ transplantation, the legal classification of medicines and the co-ordination, on a European scale, of the fight against the production, transportation and distribution of counterfeit medicines. Activities in the field of cosmetic products and food contact materials were transferred to the EDQM in 2009.

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¹There are currently thirty-seven members of the European Pharmacopoeia Commission: *Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Kingdom and the European Union* and twenty-three observers: *The World Health Organisation (WHO); 6 member states of the Council of Europe: Albania, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine; 16 other countries in the world: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Israel, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Senegal, Syria, Tunisia, United States of America.*



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