

Drago Cerchiari Chairman of the Eucomed Board of Directors

Brussels, 20 June 2005 – Eucomed, the European Medical Technology Industry Association, is pleased to announce that Drago Cerchiari has become the new Chairman of the Eucomed Board of Directors. Dr Cerchiari, Chief Executive Officer, [Sorin Group](#), will take over from Michel Darnaud with immediate effect. Sorin Group is the largest European cardiovascular medical device company with over 800 million euro (\$1 billion) in revenues, employing 4800 people in 80 countries, including 500 in their R&D division based mainly in Europe.

Dr Cerchiari is a marketing trained international executive with comprehensive general management experience in the healthcare industry. He has an academic background in business administration (Wharton), pharmacy and pharmacology, and speaks five languages. He has gained extensive international management experience in pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and medical devices.

The Eucomed Board has undergone a series of changes over the past month. Michel Darnaud (President Europe, [Boston Scientific](#) until 30 June), Barry Wilson (Senior Vice President and President International, [Medtronic](#)) and Dianne Blanco (former President Medication Delivery, [Baxter](#)) have stepped down. Eucomed is very grateful to these three senior industry executives for their commitment to our industry and wishes to welcome their successors, namely Sören Mellstig (President and CEO, [Gambro](#)), Werner Braun (Managing Director, [Biotronik](#)), and Guy Lebeau (Company Group Chairman, [J&J](#)).

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