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## New Director of the Schering Stiftung: Dr. Jörg Maxton-Küchenmeister appointed Managing Director and Program Director, Science

Dr. Jörg Maxton-Küchenmeister will take up his post at the Schering Stiftung on September 1, 2025, succeeding Dr. Katja Naie, who left the Foundation on June 30, 2025.

Dr. Maxton-Küchenmeister has extensive experience in science management and science education. He has worked in the foundation sector for many years, most recently as Head of Science at the Joachim Herz Foundation and as Executive Director of the Hamburg-based Anser anser Stiftung. From 2008 to 2012, Dr. Maxton-Küchenmeister was Secretary-General of the Academy of Sciences and Humanities in Hamburg; before that, he served as Managing Director of the Head Office of the German Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in Frankfurt am Main.

His taking office is linked to the mission of enhancing the profile of the life sciences within the operational activities of the Schering Stiftung. Dr. Maxton-Küchenmeister intends to initiate new Fellowship formats and to organize life science events in the Foundation's office, making the Schering Stiftung a place where scientists will increasingly be able to interact and engage with artists and the public. "I look forward to bringing in new ideas and building on the many and varied potentials of the Foundation," said Maxton-Küchenmeister.

Established in 2002, the Berlin-based Schering Stiftung works to promote the dialogue between science and art and honor outstanding achievements in the life sciences and in artistic research. On November 24, it will award the 50,000-euro Ernst Schering Prize for the 34th time.

*"We are delighted to have enlisted Dr. Jörg Maxton-Küchenmeister, a seasoned foundation expert and a well-connected and competent science manager, to join the Schering Stiftung. He will enhance the Foundation's program through important projects and bring new ideas to the dialogue between art, science, and society,"* said Prof. Dr. Max Löhning, Chairman of the Foundation Council of the Schering Stiftung.



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### About Dr. Jörg Maxton-Küchenmeister

Dr. Jörg Maxton-Küchenmeister has a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and more than 25 years of experience in science management and foundation management. After working in, among other places, Hamburg and Frankfurt am Main, he served as Head of Science at the Joachim Herz

Foundation from 2012 until 2025 where he developed numerous programs to advance MINT education, science communication, and the promotion of young talents. In addition, he is active in various national expert committees and advisory boards. With his strong communication skills and his strategic perspective, he stands for high-profile, collaborative, and impact-oriented work in the foundation sector. In his spare time, he practices music, enjoys sailing, and is involved in church and family activities.

### **About the Foundation**

The **Schering Stiftung** promotes the life sciences, the contemporary arts, and scientific and cultural education. A key focus of the Foundation's activities is on projects at the interface of science and art. The Foundation aims to promote the dialogue between and among disciplines. It seeks to make space for new ideas and contribute creative ideas to society. This becomes particularly evident in the Foundation's Project Space in the heart of Berlin. There, the Foundation presents exhibitions by contemporary artists, which are created in close cooperation or in dialogue with life scientists. The Schering Stiftung is an operational foundation. Established in 2002 by Schering AG, Berlin, the independent, nonprofit foundation has an endowment of 35 million euro.

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