



**Press Release
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Nomination of new Director-General of SOLEIL synchrotron

The Board of Directors of the public company SOLEIL SYNCHROTRON has named Mr. Michel van der Rest to the position of Director-General. He will assume his duties at the beginning of summer 2007, after several months of collaboration with the current Director-General, Mr. Denis Raoux, who has occupied the position since the start of the SOLEIL project in October 2000.

A biochemist, Mr. Van der Rest is a professor at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon, where he was Director of Research from 2000 to 2005. From 1994 to 2001, he was Director of the "Institut de Biologie Structurale" in Grenoble. Since 2005, he has been Director of the Life Sciences department at CNRS.

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