



## UCB announces changes on Board of Directors

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UCB today announces the cooptation of Professor Susan Gasser as new member of UCB's Board of Directors effective as of 1 January 2021. Prof Gasser replaces Professor Alice Dautry who reached the statutory age limit early 2020 and kindly accepted to stay with the Board of UCB until her successor could replace her. The cooptation of Prof Susan Gasser was conducted in accordance with both the statutory rules of UCB and the BCCA (Belgian Code of Companies and Associations). Prof Susan Gasser qualifies as independent Board member and she is also appointed as a member of the Scientific Committee of the Board in replacement of Prof Alice Dautry. The ratification of Susan Gasser's cooptation and her appointment for a full mandate of 4 years will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting in April 2021.

Mrs Evelyn du Monceau, UCB's Chair of the Board said: *"UCB's Board of Directors and Executive Committee want to express their sincere thanks to Alice Dautry for the pivotal role she has played over the past 5 years. Her role on UCB's Scientific Committee, deep expertise in cell biology, immunology, receptors and infectious diseases coupled with her dedication has greatly helped the company on its transformation and growth journey."*

Mr Jean-Christophe Tellier, CEO of UCB said: *"I'm delighted to welcome Susan Gasser who brings a wealth of experience in various fields including biophysics, molecular biology and genetics – key to UCB's future development. Her roles on renowned scientific review panels and international advisory roles make her the perfect candidate to help guide the company for the coming years."*

Prof Susan Gasser is a professor at the University of Basel and holds guest professorships at the University of Lausanne and the Tokyo Institute of Technology. She was the Director of the Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research (FMI) from 2004 to 2019, and continued as an FMI research group leader until the end of 2020. On February 1, 2021, she becomes Director of the ISREC Foundation, based in Lausanne, which is dedicated to translational cancer research. Professor Gasser studied at the University of Chicago and completed her PhD at the University of Basel in the field of biochemistry. She was a professor of Molecular Biology at the University of Geneva from 2001 – 2004. She has authored more than 250 primary articles and reviews and received numerous awards for her work. A full biography can be found on UCB's [corporate website](#).

UCB's 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held on April 29, 2021.

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