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Press Announcement

For immediate release



EARTO is pleased to announce the appointment of Muriel Attané as its new Secretary General, with effect from 1st July 2013. She replaces Christopher John Hull, who has worked for EARTO since its creation in 2000.

Muriel Attané has 12 years first-hand experience of EU Framework Programmes and extensive experience of managing a European non-profit association. During the past seven years she was Secretary General of EARPA, a European association of automotive research organisations, and, in parallel, an EU affairs and account manager for TNO, the Dutch RTO, where she has worked for 10 years in various EU affairs functions. She has had close contact with EARTO and many of its members over the years.

Jan Mengelers, President of EARTO, said, "We are sorry to lose the services of Chris Hull, who during the past decade and a half has worked to establish EARTO on the Brussels scene and to re-inforce the positioning of RTOs among policymakers in Europe and nationally. But we are extremely pleased to have found in Muriel Attané someone with the proven experience and competence to continue and expand what has been achieved so far. The EARTO Executive Board of Management looks forward to working with Muriel to further re-inforce the standing of RTOs in European research and innovation policies. The continuing economic and financial crisis, but also the challenge of economic globalisation, underline the need for Europe to seek its future in world-class innovation: RTOs have a key role to play in achieving that objective."