

Francesco Romanelli appointed the next EFDA Associate Leader for JET

Dr. Francesco Romanelli has been appointed the new EFDA associate leader for JET. The former head of the Magnetic Confinement Fusion Physics Section at ENEA in Frascati, Italy, was appointed by the EFDA Steering Committee in its meeting on May 4th 2006.



“I am delighted to inform you that, at a meeting this morning, the EFDA Steering Committee appointed Francesco Romanelli as the next EFDA JET Associate Leader”, Professor Sir Chris Llewellyn Smith, Director of the UKAEA Culham Division, said in an email informing the fusion society. “This appointment is very strongly supported by UKAEA”, Llewellyn Smith stressed in his mail, in which he also honored Dr. Romanelli’s predecessor. “I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Jérôme Paméla for the outstanding job that he has done as EFDA Associate Leader for JET , and wish Francesco Romanelli all the best in his new job.”

Dr. Jérôme Paméla, who was nominated new EFDA Leader in April this year, also expressed his approval for the appointee. “I am very pleased with the news of the appointment of Francesco Romanelli as the new EFDA Associate Leader for JET and I am confident that under his leadership JET will succeed in implementing a very challenging program in support of ITER.”

Francesco Romanelli graduated in physics in 1980 and started his career as a research scientist at ENEA, Italy, in 1983. In 1996 he became leader of the Magnetic Confinement Fusion Physics Section at ENEA, with responsibilities for the FTU experiment, theoretical activities, participation in JET and activities of R&D for ITER physics. In 2003, Dr. Romanelli became Co-Chairman (for Physics) of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee of the European Fusion Development Agreement (EFDA). He is author of approximately 70 papers in international journals and has presented more than 90 papers at international conferences.

The date at which Francesco Romanelli is to take over operational responsibility is yet to be agreed, but he will be involved in strategic planning for JET with immediate effect.

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