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New CEO to lead the fight against doping

Australian Sports Drug Agency (ASDA) Chair, Dr Brian Sando, today welcomed the announcement by the Federal Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator the Hon Rod Kemp, of the appointment of Mr Richard Ings as ASDA's new Chief Executive.

"Richard Ings is a passionate and well qualified person to lead ASDA and help Australian sport to eliminate doping," Dr Sando said.

"He is well versed in anti-doping issues, as well as having high level business skills gained through his senior corporate experience with companies such as PepsiCo and Coca-Cola Amatil."

"Mr Ings was previously the Executive Vice President of Rules and Competition for the Association of Tennis Professionals where he designed and implemented the Association's anti-doping code."

"Mr Ings will commence his role with ASDA in September 2005. Until that time ASDA's Kim Terrell will continue as the agency's Acting Chief Executive Officer."

"I and all of ASDA look forward to working with Richard in helping keep Australian sport free from doping," Dr Sando said.

Mr Ings replaces ASDA's former Chief Executive, Mr John Mendoza.

Mr Ings will also assume responsibility as the founding Chief Executive of the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA) when it is established in January 2006, pending the passage of legislation.

ASADA will be responsible for implementing Australia's new anti-doping framework which will encompass testing, education, advocacy, policy, investigation and prosecution activities.

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