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NEW GENERATION OF LEADERSHIP APPOINTED AT THE ICEJ Rev. Malcolm Hedding steps down after 10 years leading the worldwide ministry

*Dr Juergen Buehler appointed Interim Executive Director
Rev. Juha Ketola elected as Chairman of the International Board of Directors*

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem announces, with sadness, the decision of Rev. Malcolm Hedding to step down after 10 years as Executive Director of the ministry.

The announcement was first made on May 12th at a gathering of the ICEJ's worldwide leadership in Jerusalem. Fully endorsed by the International Board of Directors, the decision paved the way for unanimous appointment of Dr. Juergen Buehler to the position of Interim Executive Director.

In a series of anointed meetings with the ICEJ National Directors from around the world, Malcolm testified to the clear leading of God in the timing of this decision and his confidence in the continued success of the ministry under a new generation of leadership. The Conference noted that Malcolm Hedding had served the organisation with integrity and honour and leaves behind a remarkable theological, relational and financial legacy.

The ICEJ's worldwide leadership also had an opportunity to welcome the election of Finland's National Director Rev. Juha Ketola as Chairman of the International Board, taking over from longstanding ICEJ Chairman and Norwegian Branch Director Leif Wellerop.

"There is obviously considerable sadness at Malcolm's decision to move on from Jerusalem," said Dr. Buehler in response to the announcement, "but we are excited to sense the leading of the Lord in his life, and are grateful that he leaves the ministry positioned so well for the future. We wish him and Cheryl every blessing."

Malcolm will remain closely connected with the work of the ICEJ as a member of the ministry's international speaking team and as a member of the International Board. He will also be ministering at the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles Celebration in October.

His resignation will take effect on the 31st July 2011.

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Profile: Dr. Juergen Buehler
ICEJ Interim Executive Director



After graduating from Ulm University with a degree in physics, Dr. Juergen Buehler moved to Israel with his wife in 1994. Following a five-year research project at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot he obtained his doctorate in chemistry.

Juergen joined the staff of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem in 1999 and presently serves on its Board as the ministry's International Director. Since 2001 he has also been National Director for ICEJ Germany, a position that he still holds.

Juergen was also a founding member of the "Christliches Forum für Israel" (Christian Forum for Israel), a German umbrella group of Christian Zionist organizations. He is an ordained minister of the German Pentecostal Federation (BfP). His grasp of biblical theology and his unique insight into issues relating to Israel, the church and the nations have placed him in great demand as a speaker all over the world.

In addition to his other responsibilities, Juergen has remained an active member of the King of Kings Assembly in Jerusalem, and has served on the congregation's board from 1994 to 2010.

He and his wife Vesna live in Jerusalem and have three young sons and a daughter.

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