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Patrik Johansson Appointed as Director of Battery 2030+

[Uppsala March 3rd 2025] – Professor Patrik Johansson has been appointed as the new Director of the Initiative Battery 2030+ lead from Uppsala University, succeeding Professor Kristina Edström. Effective March 1st 2025.

As newly appointed Professor of Chemistry at Uppsala University and leaving Professor in Physics at Chalmers University of Technology, Johansson is a leader in next generation battery research, holds a Distinguished Professor Grant from the Swedish Research Council (4.5 M€), and leads a large research team at Chalmers. He is also Co-Director of ALISTORE-ERI and Director of the Graphene Flagship.

With a PhD in Inorganic Chemistry from Uppsala University, Johansson has pioneered battery innovation, particularly in electrolytes and new battery concepts, and has contributed to major European research projects. His team won the BASF Open Innovation Contest on Energy Storage (2015) and he was awarded "l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques" (2020) by the French Ministry of Education.

Battery 2030+ is a pan-European initiative accelerating the development of sustainable, high-performance batteries. Under Johansson's leadership, the initiative will continue to drive breakthrough technologies supporting Europe's Green Deal, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the European battery industry.

- "We are truly happy that Patrik Johansson can overtake the responsibilities as Director for Battery 2030+. He is ideal for this task, considering his excellent research in the battery field and his previous management of the Graphene Flagship. This will be great for the development of battery research in Europe." says Kristina Edström

- "Battery 2030+ is to me a guarantee for excellence driven application-inspired research being conducted in a long-lasting, harmonized and efficient manner all across Europe. I cannot think of something more inspiring to contribute to, and it is a huge honour to take the baton after Kristina." says Patrik Johansson

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