Professor O. Reverdin

Professor Olivier Reverdin has been elected President of the Swiss National Foundation for Scientific Research. He is already President of the Swiss Society for Social Sciences and of the Commission for Science and Culture of the Council of Europe, and now fills one of the key posts concerned with Swiss policy on higher education and research.

Professor Reverdin was born in Geneva in 1913 and studied at the University of Geneva, at the Sorbonne in Paris and at the French Athenean School. After serving in the Diplomatic Corps during the war, he moved into journalism becoming a Director of the Journal de Genève, a post which he occupied until Autumn 1967. He has also had a distinguished career in education and has been Professor of Greek Language and Literature at the University of Geneva since 1958.

Professor Reverdin has always been concerned to give Swiss policy in cultural and scientific affairs a forward looking approach. He is interested particularly in the development of high energy physics research and in molecular biology. This latter interest was particularly noticeable when Professor Reverdin was elected President of two European Molecular Biology Conferences held at CERN.