

SYNGENTA AG  
Form 6-K  
June 14, 2004

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**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of June 2004

Commission File Number: 001-15152

**SYNGENTA AG**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**Schwarzwaldallee 215**  
**4058 Basel**  
**Switzerland**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Re: SYNGENTA AG  
Press Release: Syngenta appoints new Vice-Chairman

Filed herewith is a press release related to Syngenta AG. The full text of the press release follows:

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**Media Release**

**Syngenta appoints new Vice-Chairman**

**Basel, Switzerland, 10 June 2004**

Syngenta is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has elected Martin Taylor as its new Vice-Chairman.

Martin Taylor has been a member of the Board of Syngenta AG since its creation in 2000. He is currently an international advisor to Goldman Sachs, in addition to being a Director of RTL Group SA. He was Chairman of WHSmith PLC (1999 2003) and a Director of Antigenics Inc. (1999 2003). Previously he was Chief Executive Officer of Barclays PLC (1993 1998) and of Courtaulds Textiles (1990 1993). He was also a member of the Oxford Business School Advisory Board.

Syngenta is a world-leading agribusiness committed to sustainable agriculture through innovative research and technology. The company is a leader in crop protection, and ranks third in the high-value commercial seeds market. Sales in 2003 were approximately \$6.6 billion. Syngenta employs some 19,000 people in over 90 countries. Syngenta is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT). Further information is available at [www.syngenta.com](http://www.syngenta.com).

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SYNGENTA AG

Date: June 10, 2004

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

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Name: Christoph Mäder  
Title: General Counsel

By: /s/ Daniel Michaelis

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Name: Daniel Michaelis  
Title: Senior Corporate Counsel