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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Report of Foreign Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
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For the month of September 2005

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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: [Board appointments]

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

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Media Release

Board appointments

Basel, Switzerland, 2 September 2005

Syngenta announced today that for health reasons, Heinz Imhof has decided to resign as Chairman of the Board.

The Board has appointed Martin Taylor, currently Vice Chairman, as non-executive Chairman. Rupert Gasser has been appointed Vice Chairman.

The Board would like to express its warmest thanks and appreciation to Heinz Imhof for his role in leading the formation and listing of Syngenta in 2000 and his important contribution as Chairman since its creation. It wishes him a long and happy retirement.

Martin Taylor (53) has been a member of the Board since the creation of Syngenta and has a broad knowledge of the Company as well as extensive international business experience. From 2000 until 2004 he was a member of the Audit Committee. In 2004 he was appointed Vice Chairman and member of the Chairman's and Compensation Committees. Martin Taylor is currently an advisor to Goldman Sachs International and a Vice Chairman of RTL Group SA.

Rupert Gasser (66) has been a member of the Board since 2002. He is currently a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Alcon Laboratories Inc. and President of Nestec SA.

Commenting on today's announcement, Martin Taylor said: "The Board wishes Heinz Imhof a speedy and complete recovery." He added: "I very much look forward to working with Michael Pragnell, CEO and his outstanding leadership team during Syngenta's next phase of evolution."

Martin Taylor: additional information

Martin Taylor's career has spanned the worlds of finance, industry, public policy and journalism.

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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: September 2, 2005

By: /s/ Christoph Mäder

Name: Christoph Mäder
Title: General Counsel

By: /s/ Damian Heller

Name: Damian Heller
Title: Company Secretary