

## **Prof. Dr. Jörg Overmann, Head of the DSMZ**

Professor Dr. Jörg Overmann (49) is director of the Leibniz-Institute German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures. Prof. Overmann was recipient of the VAAM-Promotionspreis Ph.D. award of the German Society of General and Applied Microbiology (VAAM) and of a postdoctoral research fellowship of the German Science Foundation in 1992. At the Carl von Ossietzky University in Oldenburg, Overmann qualified as a professor in 1999. Shortly thereafter, Overmann became professor at the Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, where he led the Department of Biology as director from 2003 to 2009. The research interests of Prof. Overmann comprise bacterial speciation, adaptations to energy limitation, and bacterial interactions. He is Member in the Editorial Boards of Applied and Environmental Microbiology, Archives of Microbiology and Environmental Microbiology. As scientific and administrative director of the DSMZ, Prof. Overmann will be responsible for the overall functioning of the scientific and service activities, and will act as public representative of the institution.