Event invitation

Gain of Function:
experimental applications relating to potentially pandemic pathogens

A discussion on modification of the influenza virus and recent related research, including risk-benefit analysis, considerations of scientific responsibility, research review and management systems, biosafety and biosecurity advisory bodies, publication of sensitive information, and public engagement.

Public event to launch the new EASAC report:
Wednesday, 21 October 2015
12:00 – 14:30
at the Palace of the Academies,
Rue Ducale, Brussels

Programme:
12:00 Light lunch
12:30 Introduction to EASAC and the study (Professor Volker ter Meulen, Chair of the EASAC working group on “Gain of Function” and Past President of EASAC)
12:40 Key messages from the EASAC study (Professor Sir John Skehel, Francis Crick Institute, UK)
13:00 Response to the EASAC study report from the European Commission (Dr Ruxandra Draghia-Akli, Health Directorate, DG Research and Innovation)
13:20 Commentary from a US perspective (Professor Ronald Atlas, University of Louisville)
13:40 Panel Discussion
(moderated by Professor Volker ter Meulen):
• Professor Simon Wain-Hobson (Institut Pasteur Virology, France)
• Professor André Knotternus, WRR (Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy, NL)
• Dr Mike Skinner (Imperial College London, United Kingdom)
• Professor Mike Catchpole, ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control)
14:00 Open discussion with audience
14:30 Close of event and coffee

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