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Dear Sir/Madam,

Sir Brian Heap, President of the European Academies Science Advisory Council and Dominique Ristori, Director General of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre have the pleasure to invite you to a

JRC-EASAC joint event

including the launch of the report

"Impact of engineered nanomaterials on human health: considerations on benefit-risk assessment"

on 18 October 2011 15:30-19:30 at the Royal Academies for Science and the Arts of Belgium 1 rue Ducale, 1000 Brussels

The event is being organised on the occasion of the formal signing of a Letter of Intent between the JRC and EASAC on closer co-operation between the two organisations. At the same time we will also present and discuss our joint report "Impact of engineered nanomaterials on human health: considerations on benefit-risk assessment". The policy report is the result of the first strategic liaison between the JRC and EASAC and provides independent, cross-referenced, science-based analysis of the impact of nanomaterials on human health.

This joint initiative of EASAC and the JRC contributes to the collective Europe 2020 targets and supports integrated efforts for nanotechnology innovation, as well as public debate on the future of nanomaterials. Based on the experience of the initiative, and with existing synergies between the activities of the two organisations, a more structured cooperation is being developed in order to address other scientific topics relevant to the key priorities of the EU and to create closer links between EU national science academies and the policy-making processes in the EU.

Our event offers the opportunity for an exchange of views between various actors involved in the public debate on nanotechnology, including EU policy makers, industry and NGOs.

RSVP by 1 October 2011 to: jrc-easac@ec.europa.eu .

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