

## *Conference*

### **Celebrating the first concrete steps towards the implementation of the ERC**

Programme  
(as of 4 November 2005)

**Wednesday 9 – Thursday 10 November 2005**

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## Provisional programme

### *9 November*

16:00 **Welcome Address** Julio Celis (FEBS, Chair of ISE) and Maciej Nalecz (UNESCO)

16:15 **Implementing the ERC: Practical and Political Aspects** Chair: Frank Gannon (EMBO)

**Keynote speech:** Achilleas Mitsos (DG Research) – The ERC specific programme

**Roundtable discussion:**

Jose Mariano Gago (Minister of Research, Technology and Higher Education, Portugal) – pending

Jerzy Buzek (FP7 Rapporteur, European Parliament)

Helga Nowotny (ERC Scientific Council)

**Members of the ERC Scientific Council attending the session:**

Claudio Bordignon (Medicine)

Mathias Dewatripont (Economics)

Pavel Exner (Mathematics)

Fotis Kafatos (Life Sciences)

Maria Teresa Lago (Astronomy)

Helga Nowotny (Social Sciences)

Leena Peltonen-Palotie (Life Sciences)

Oscar Marin Parra (Life Sciences) – pending

For more information on the members of the ERC Scientific Council, please consult:

[http://www.initiative-science-europe.org/establishment\\_underway.html](http://www.initiative-science-europe.org/establishment_underway.html)

18:30 **Get-Together Drink**

19:30 **End of Day 1**

**10 November**

9:00     **A Roadmap to Research Infrastructures in Europe**

Chair: Graham Cameron (EMBL-EBI)

**Keynote speech:** John Wood (ESFRI, European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures)

**Roundtable discussion:**

Dr. Robert-Jan Smits (DG Research)

Prof. Jerzy Langer (Deputy Minister of Science and Information Society Technologies)

Prof. Finn Valentin (Copenhagen Business School)

Dr Ian Corbett (Deputy Director, ESO; EIROforum)

Dr. Herwig Schopper (Chair of the Scientific Board of UNESCO IBSP, former DG of CERN)

Prof. Ian Halliday (President-elect, ESF)

10:45     **Coffee Break**

11:15     **New Instruments of Framework Programme (FP) 7**

Chair: Peter Tindemans (EuroScience)

Community financial contribution, Technology Platforms and ERA-Net+

Jean-David Malo (EC) / John Marks (ESF)

Human Resources

Cornelis-Mario Vis (EC) / Alexander Quintanilha (Institute for Molecular and Cell Biology, Porto)

Social Sciences and Humanities

Theodius Lennon (EC) / Peter Day (Academia Europaea)

12:55     **Concluding remarks**

Julio Celis (FEBS, Chair of ISE)

13:00     **End of the meeting**

14:00 –     **Closed session for ISE delegates**  
16:00