

Programme



ERC Conference
5 Years of excellent IDEAS
Brussels, 29 February and 1 March 2012

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WEDNESDAY 29 FEBRUARY

14:15 – 15:00

Registration

15:00 – 15:30

Opening address by **Helga Nowotny**, ERC President
Video message by **José Manuel Barroso**, European Commission President

15:30 – 15:50

The «genesis» of the ERC:
Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker, former ERC Secretary General, and
William Cannell, Adviser to the Director General, DG Research and Innovation,
European Commission

15:50 – 17:30

Round-table discussion: «Excellence and brain circulation in the global scientific landscape»
United States: **Carmen Huber**, European Office Head, National Science Foundation
Brazil: **Hernan Chaimovich**, Coordinator of the Research, Innovation and Dissemination Centers, FAPESP
China: **Zhiqin Zhang**, Minister Counsellor of Science and Technology Division,
Mission of China to the EU (tbc)
India: **Roddam Narasimha**, Honorary Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced
Scientific Research
South Africa: **Gansen Pillay**, Vice President, National Research Foundation
Moderator:
Donald Dingwell, ERC Secretary General

17:30 – 18:00

Tea break

18:00 – 20:30

Evening Celebration

Evening celebrations with the participation of **Máire Geoghegan-Quinn**, European
Commissioner for Research and Innovation, **Morten Østergaard**, Danish Minister for Research,
Innovation and Higher Education, **Amalia Sartori**, Chair, ITRE Committee, European Parliament,
and **Helga Nowotny**, ERC President.

Moderation:

Jack Metthey, Director, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission,
and **Alex Taylor**, journalist.

Presentations by 5 ERC grant holders to celebrate 5 years of ERC:

Cathy Craig, Queen's University - Starting Grant 2007 / Psychology, Perception, Action, Ageing,
Parkinson's

Søren Kragh Moestrup, Aarhus University - Advanced Grant 2008 / Biochemistry

Marco Dorigo, Université Libre de Bruxelles - Advanced Grant 2009 / Robotics

Maciej Konacki, Polish Academy of Science - Starting Grant 2010 / Astronomy, Stellar
evolution and planet formation

Stéphanie Lacour, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne - Starting Grant 2010 /
Bioengineering, materials science and biotechnology

20:30 – 22:00

Cocktail d'înatoire



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THURSDAY 1 MARCH

08:30 – 09:00

Registration and welcome coffee

09:00 – 09:10

Introduction of the sessions by **Pablo Amor**, ERC Executive Agency Director ad int.

09:10 – 10:10

Session 1: Physical Sciences and Engineering

Brian M. Chase, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique,
Starting Grant 2010 / Earth Science System

Joanna Dunkley, Oxford University, Starting Grant 2010 / Astrophysics, Cosmology

Anja Verena Mudring, Ruhr-Bochum University, Starting Grant 2007 / Chemistry, Energy efficiency

Moderator:

Hans-Joachim Freund, ERC Scientific Council member

10:10 – 11:10

Session 2: Life Sciences

Monica Bettencourt Carvalho Dias, Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation,
Starting Grant 2010 / Cell Biology

Howard Jacobs, University of Tampere, Advanced Grant 2008 / Molecular Biology

Eiliv Lund, University of Tromsø, Advanced Grant 2008 / Epidemiology, Cancer

Moderator:

Tim Hunt, ERC Scientific Council member

11:10 – 11:40

Coffee break

11:40 – 12:40

Session 3: Social Sciences and Humanities

Christian Robert Lange, Utrecht University, Starting Grant 2010 / Religion, Islam

Wolfgang Lutz, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Advanced Grant 2008 /
Demography, Climate Change

Thorsten Quandt, University of Hohenheim, Starting Grant 2009 / Interactive Media,
Online Communication

Moderator:

Nicholas Canny, ERC Scientific Council member

12:40 – 13:15

Closing speeches:

Robert-Jan Smits, Director General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Helga Nowotny, ERC President

13:15

End of conference

