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PROGRAMME

Tuesday 21 October

14:30	Welcome address	Michael Ryan President, Royal Irish Academy
14:35	Introduction Aim of the meeting and past initiatives of the Life Sciences community	Luc van Dyck European Life Sciences Forum
14:45	ERC, a support mechanism for basic research – general principles Open discussion	Jean-Patrick Connerade President, EUROSCIENCE
15:10	Historical context of the ERC debate and mission of the ERC Expert Group (ERCEG)	Federico Mayor and Mogens Flensted-Jensen ERC Expert Group
15:40	Position of the European Science Foundation on the ERC – Report of the Sykes Group	Jerzy Langer
15:50	How is our scientific community organized at a European level?	5 min presentation by selected representatives from each scientific area
16:15	Coffee break	
16:45	ERC Instrument 1: Research grants Proposals from the Life Sciences community Open discussion on the specific requirements of the various scientific disciplines with respect to research grants	Julio Celis Secretary General, FEBS
18:15	ERC Instrument 2: Support for infrastructures Philosophy and mission of the European Commission with respect to the access to and the creation of new infrastructures Position and proposals from the Life Sciences community Open discussion on the specific requirements of the various scientific disciplines with respect to shared resources and Institutions of Excellence	Marco Malacarne European Commission Fotis Kafatos Director General, EMBL
20:15	End of the Session	
20:30	Dinner	

Wednesday 22 October

09:00	Introduction Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft	Ekkhard Winter Deputy Secretary General
09:05	ERC Delivery Mechanisms Views of the Life Sciences community Open discussion on the definition of delivery mechanisms appropriate for each scientific area	Frank Gannon Executive Director, EMBO
11:00	Coffee break	
11:20	Views of the Commission on the ERC	Achilleas Mitsos European Commission
11:40	Who could/should establish and sponsor the ERC? Panel discussion with: Achilleas Mitsos (EC), Enric Banda (ESF), Peter Tindemans (EUROSCIENCE), Reijo Vihko (Academy of Finland), Federico Mayor (ERCEG), and David McConnell (Trinity College, Ireland)	Moderator: Jose Mariano Gago ERC Expert Group
13:00	Lunch	
13:45	Administrative and governing structure of the ERC, and interdisciplinary organisation Panel discussion with: Bertil Anderson University of Linköping, Sweden), Mogens Flensted-Jensen (ERCEG), Frank Gannon (EMBO), Ian Haliday (EURAB), Denis Weaire (Academia Europaea) and David Schindel (NSF)	Moderator: Reinder van Duinen President, European Science Foundation
15:30	Follow-up strategy and concluding remarks How can we work together towards the establishment of the ERC: future initiatives	Jean-Patrick Connerade President, EUROSCIENCE Julio Celis President, ELSF
16:00	End of the meeting	

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