



INVITATION

You are kindly invited to the press conference which will be held on Thursday, 28 February 2008 at 3.00 pm at Brdo pri Kranju on the margins of the 11th Forum of National Ethics Councils.

The press conference will be attended by:

- Zofija Mazej Kukovič, Minister of Health of the Republic of Slovenia;
- Goran Hermeren, Chair of the European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies (EGE);
- Jože Trontelj, Chair of the Slovenian National Medical Ethics Committee;
- Didier Sicard, Chair of the French National Consultative Ethics Committee;
- Paula Martinho da Silva, Chair of the Portuguese National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences;
- Pēteris Zilgalvis, Head of Unit Governance and Ethics, DG Research, European Commission.

The Forum of National Ethics Councils (NEC) meets regularly in the Member State holding the EU Council Presidency. The purpose of the meeting is informal discussion on ethics and science. Traditionally, the first day is intended for the joint meeting of the NEC Forum and the European Group on Ethics (EGE), an advisory body to the European Commission on ethical questions in science and biotechnology.

The main topic of the Forum will be the confrontation between individuals' rights and freedoms and the interests of society; discussions will also be held on some priority ethical issues in the European area, among them also end-of-life issues and responsible research in biology and medicine. More information is available on the website www.kclj.si/nec/.

Please find attached a preliminary programme of the Forum. If you wish to make an interview with a certain speaker, please contact me.

You are kindly requested to confirm your participation in the press conference by sending an e-mail to ana.polanc@gov.si. Accreditation is possible on the spot on the day of the Forum meeting.

Best regards,
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