



Third World Congress for Freedom of Scientific Research

EU Preparatory meeting From the body to the body politic

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EU PREPARATORY MEETING *Draft Program*

November 14-15, 2013
European Parliament, Brussels - **Room JAN4Q1**

Thursday 14th - (2.30pm – 8pm)

Opening Session

Introduction and Chair:

Marco Cappato

World Congress Coordinator

Emma Bonino

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Guy Verhostadt

Leader, Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe

Tonio Borg

European Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy

• *A bibliometric analysis of the freedom and innovation in biomedical research worldwide*

Andrea Ballabeni

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Natural and Applied Sciences, Bentley University

Lectures

John Sulston

Biologist, 2002 Nobel Prize laureate in Physiology or Medicine

John Harris

Director, Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation, University of Manchester

Paola Testori Coggi

Directorate-General for Health and Consumers, European Commission

First Session

What and Who is Science For?

WHAT ARE THE OBSTACLES TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH? **HOW CAN CITIZENS BENEFIT FROM SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE?** DOES POLITICAL LIBERTY NEED SCIENCE FREEDOM? **DO CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACIES NEED BASIC SCIENCE EDUCATION?** CAN WE MEASURE THE FREEDOM OF RESEARCH WORLDWIDE? **HOW CAN BASIC RESEARCH IMPROVE CLINICAL TREATMENT?**

Chair:

Niccolò Rinaldi

Member of the European Parliament, Italy

Marisa Jaconi

Department of Pathology, University of Geneva

• *Polio vaccinations WHO program under threat*

Bruce Aylward*

Assistant Director-General for Polio & Emergencies, World Health Organization

• *A new agenda for patients' and citizens' empowerment in the life sciences*

Giuseppe Testa

Head, laboratory of Stem Cell Epigenetics, European Institute of Oncology

• *"Challenges and threats to polio eradication: a child rights perspective"*

Philippe Cori

Director, UNICEF - Brussels EU Office

Presentation of World Congress Studies

• *Ideas and analyses for an "International Science Freedom Index"*

Andrea Boggio

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, Bryant University

Discussants:

Oreste Rossi

Member of the European Parliament, Italy

Joep Geraedts

Professor of Genetics and Cell Biology, Maastricht University



Transnational and Transparty



Marisa Jaconi

Department of Pathology, University of Geneva

Lucio Piccirillo

Professor of Radioastronomy Technology, University of Manchester

Evy Reviere

Board of Directors, International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations

Friday 15th - (9am – 2pm)

Second Session

Regulating innovations without penalising wellness and freedom

PATENT LAWS BETWEEN ECONOMY AND EPISTEMOLOGY **OPEN ACCESS TO INNOVATIONS: A SOLUTION FOR EVERY SEASON?** NEW FRONTIERS OF BIOMEDICINE REGULATION: THE CHALLENGES OF REGENERATIVE CELL THERAPIES **THE SOCIAL COST OF CLINICAL TRIALS** IS IT POSSIBLE TO INNOVATE IN ILLIBERAL AND THEOCRATIC COUNTRIES? **THE REGULATION OF REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY: THE NEED FOR AN EUROPEAN HARMONISATION**

Chair:

Gilberto Corbellini

Professor of history of medicine, "La Sapienza" University of Rome

Filomena Gallo

Secretary General, Luca Coscioni Association

Intervention:

David Harmon

Cabinet of the European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science

Presentation of World Congress Studies

• *Intellectual property and scientific research freedom: investigating a complex relationship*

Amedeo Santosuosso

President, European Centre for Law, Science and New Technologies

Carlo Colombo

University of Pavia

• Social Role of Science and WHO

Abdul Ghaffar

Executive Director, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (World Health Organization)

Lectures

• *Science and Islam: fundamentalist threats to scientific knowledge*

Faouzia Farida Charfi

Physicist, former Secretary of State for Higher Education, Tunisia

• *The role of supranational Courts in protecting the right to health and the freedom scientific inquiry*

Filomena Gallo

Secretary General, Luca Coscioni Association

Discussants:

Paolo Bianco

Professor of Anatomy and Histopathology, "La Sapienza" University of Rome

Philippe Busquin

former European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science

Marielle De Sarnez

Member of the European Parliament, France

Cristiana Muscardini

Member of the European Parliament, Italy

Rebecca Taylor

Member of the European Parliament, UK

Marco Pannella

Leader, Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty

Third Session

The road ahead

Chair:

Michele De Luca

Co-President, Luca Coscioni Association

Marco Perduca

former Senator (Radical Party), Italy

Simona Giordano

Reader in Bioethics, University of Manchester

Open-ended discussion on actions to be taken and the new issues to be discussed in preparation of the Third World Congress to be held in Rome, 4-6 April 2014.

Among those participating:

Sarah Chan

Deputy Director, Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation, University of Manchester

David Lawrence

Research Administrator, Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation, University of Manchester

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The **World Congress for Freedom of Scientific Research** is an intellectual and political area of international discussion on emerging issues related to scientific research and technological innovations which turn out to be morally, religiously, politically, legally and socially controversial. It is sponsored by **Luca Coscioni Association for Freedom of Scientific Research** and **Nonviolent Radical Party, Transnational and Transparty**. The World Congress for Freedom of Scientific Research was founded in Rome in 2004 and in view of the first decennial anniversary and of the third international meeting, the promoters organise – with the help of ALDE group – at the headquarters of the European Parliament in Brussels a preliminary meeting.

The goal of the Bruxelles' meeting is to address some hot issues concerning the international debates on the social role of science and the challenges that the regulation of technological innovations are facing, in a critical transition phase of the global and local economies and policies of research and development. The initiative is also aimed at fostering the discussion on the issues that will be more helpful to address as part of the Third World Congress to be held in Rome from 4 to 6 April 2014.

The preliminary discussion is also open to those who were invited but could not attend the meeting in Brussels. The organising committee will evaluate and respond to all proposals of interventions and topics in view of the organisation and planning the programme of the third world meeting.