

PROGRAMME (Tuesday, 7 February 2006)

Technical Media Briefing: *EU-funded Research on Pandemic and Avian Influenza*

Monday 6 February (Afternoon / Evening): Arrival at Brussels International Airport (BE)
Participants make their own way to Crowne Plaza Brussels Europa Hotel (Near Schuman metro and train stations and Airport Bus n°12 from Zaventem Airport).

19:30-21:30 Welcome and opening of the **registration desk** (distribution of badges, press packs).

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- 7h30 Breakfast, check out and **press registration at the Crowne Plaza Hotel** (distribution of badges, press packs)
- 8h00 **Departure of bus** for transfer to University of Ghent – VIB (Flanders Interuniversity Institute for Biotechnology) Research Building in Ghent (BE)
- 9h30 **Welcome** by VIB's General Director **Jo Bury**
- 9h35 **Introduction – EU supported research in avian and human pandemic influenza**
Octavi Quintana Trias and **Christian Patermann** (Directors in DG Research)
- 9h50 **Vaccines and antivirals** (title t.b.c.), **John Oxford**
Retroscreen Ltd., Queen Mary School of Medicine, University of London (UK)
- 10h00 **Veterinary aspects of Avian Influenza: the submerged part of the iceberg**, **Ilaria Capua**
OIE and National Reference Laboratory for Newcastle Disease and Avian Influenza, Virology Department, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie, Legnaro (IT)
- 10h10 **Immunization with a novel, M2e-based vaccine protects against influenza**, **Xavier Saelens**
Molecular Virology Lab, Molecular Biomedical Research Department, VIB/University of Ghent (BE)
- 10h20 **Q & A**
- 10h45 **Visit of laboratories (protein purification laboratory, laboratory of the group of Xavier Saelens, and greenhouses), VIB Ghent (BE) – Project: Universal Vaccine**
- 11h15 Transfer to **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Ghent, Merelbeke (BE)**
- 11h30 **Welcome** by the Dean, Prof. **Aart de Kruif** and **Introduction** by Pr **Kristien Van Reeth** and **visit of facilities** (laboratory of virology and animal facilities) – Project: ESNIP2
- 12h30 Transfer to **Rega Institute for Medical Research in Leuven, KULeuven (BE)**
- 13h30 Networking **lunch** in Leuven
- 14h15 **Antiviral drugs against influenza**, **Johan Neyts**
Rega Institute for Medical Research in Leuven (BE)
- 14h30 Introduction and visit of **Biosafety 3 and PCR laboratories**
Projects: VIZIER and VIRGIL
- 16h00 End of programme and **transfer** to Airport and Brussels
- As of 18h00 Arrival at Brussels International Airport (BE) and departure back to home city