

European Research Council Launch Event

Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Berlin Germany

27-28 February 2007

Media Programme*

DATE / TIME	ACTIVITY	CONTENT	LOCATION	LANGUAGE
27 February				
12:00 – 13:15	PRESS CONFERENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annette Schavan, German Federal Minister for Education and Research • Angelika Niebler, Member of European Parliament • Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research • Fotis Kafatos, Chairman of the ERC Scientific Council • Matthias Kleiner, President of the German Research Foundation (DFG) • Ernst-Ludwig Winnacker, ERC Secretary General 	Press Conference Room	Simultaneous translation: EN/DE
13:30 – 15:00	Opening Session and Keynote address	<p><i>Keynote presentations by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Merkel, President of the EU Council of Ministers and German Chancellor • Janez Potočnik, European Commissioner for Science and Research • Matthias Kleiner, President of the German Research Foundation (DFG) • Fotis C. Kafatos, President of the ERC and chair of the ERC Scientific Council • Angelika Niebler, Member of the European Parliament, and Rapporteur of the EU's 7th Research framework Programme (FP7) 'Ideas' Specific Programme 	Conference proceedings broadcast live in Press working room	Simultaneous translation: EN/DE

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<p>15:00 – 19:30</p> <p>MEDIA TRIP 1</p> <p><i>(Pre-registration required)</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>15:30 – 17:30</p>	<p>Panel Discussion and Session Conclusions</p>	<p>15.00 – 15.30 Transfer to IZW</p> <p>15.30 – 17.00 Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW) The IZW conducts integrated biological and veterinary research on wildlife. The work is focused on the mechanisms and functions of evolutionary adaptations that ensure the survival and reproduction of individuals in free-ranging and captive populations of wildlife, and the limits that may affect the viability and persistence of such populations. For this purpose, IZW researchers study the behavioural and evolutionary ecology, wildlife diseases, and reproduction of mostly larger mammals and birds.</p> <p>17.00 – 17.30 Transfer to FBH</p> <p>17.30 – 18.30 Ferdinand-Braun-Institut für Höchstfrequenztechnik The FBH explores cutting-edge technologies in the fields of microwave technology and optoelectronics. For customers in industry and science the FBH provides high-frequency devices and circuits for communication and sensor technology as well as high-power diode lasers for materials processing, laser technology, medical technology and high precision metrology.</p> <p>18.30 – 19.30 Evening Reception (tbc) with Prof Zöllner, Senator for Research, Berlin Prof Tränkle, Director of the Ferdinand-Braun Institute Prof Sandner, Director of the Max-Born-Institute</p> <p>"The ERC: A new impulse for top-level research in Europe"</p>	<p>Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research (IZW), Berlin</p> <p>Ferdinand-Braun-Institut für Höchstfrequenztechnik(FBH) Berlin</p> <p>Ferdinand-Braun-Institut für Höchstfrequenztechnik(FBH) Berlin</p> <p>Conference proceedings broadcast live in Press working room</p>	<p>DE/EN</p> <p>DE/EN</p> <p>EN</p>
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8:00 – 8:45	PRESS BREAKFAST	Informal Press Breakfast with the ERC Scientific Council and European Research Commissioner, Janez Potočnik	TBD	EN / DE
9:00 -12:00	Conference Session	"The ERC: A contribution to society and the knowledge-based economy"	Conference proceedings broadcast live in Press working room	EN
12:00- 13:00	MEDIA TRIP 2 <i>(Pre-registration required)</i>	Matheon, Berlin MATHEON is the short name for the DFG Research Center, "Mathematics for key technologies: Modelling, simulation, and optimization of real-world processes". Three major universities and two mathematical research institutes in Berlin decided to coordinate their activities in applied mathematics with the aim to evolve mathematics into an important key to technology. MATHEON'S research currently focuses on life sciences, traffic and communication networks, production, electronic circuits and optical technologies, finance and visualization.	Matheon, Berlin	EN / DE
OR				
12:00 – 13:00	Buffet Lunch with Conference Delegates		Conference Auditorium	

