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STOA

In cooperation with the Conference of European Churches, Church & Society Commission, and the FP7 ETHENTECH project¹

Human Enhancement: The Ethical Issues

Thursday, 26 April 2012, 10:00 - 12:30 Room ASP 5G2, European Parliament, Brussels

<u>Chair</u>: Mr Vittorio PRODI, MEP and member of the STOA Panel, and Dr Theo BOER, Associate Professor of Ethics, Protestant Theological University, and Research Fellow at the Centre for Bioethics and Health Law, Utrecht (The Netherlands)

PROGRAMME

10:00 - 10:30 Presentation of the STOA projects 'Human Enhancement' and 'Making Perfect Life' by:

- Christopher Coenen, Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (Germany),
- Rinie van Est, Rathenau Institute (The Netherlands);

10:30 - 11.30 Short talks (15 minutes each) by:

- Maria Pilar Nuñez, Professor in Bioethics, University Ramon Llull, Barcelona, Pontifical University of Comillas, Madrid, and Theology Faculty, Grenada, member of the Bioethics Group of COMECE² (Spain),
- Rabbi Albert Guigui, representing the Jewish community (Belgium),
- Omar Van den Broeck, Doctor in Philology and Literature, Secretary General of the Belgian Muslim Executive (Belgium),
- Revd Brendan McCarthy, Church of England's National Adviser for Medical Ethics and Health and Social Care Policy (UK);

11.30 - 12.30 Panel discussion, with participation of the audience.

Panel members:

- Christopher Coenen, Rinie van Est,
- Maria Pilar Nuñez, Rabbi Albert Guigui, Omar Van den Broeck,
- Stavros Baloyannis, Professor of Neurology and theologian, Director of the Department of Neurology, Aristotelian University of Thessaloniki (Greece)
- Bernard Dan, Head of Neurology Department, Children's Hospital Queen Fabiola, Free University of Brussels (Belgium)

12.30 - 13.45 Buffet lunch in front of meeting room





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² Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community