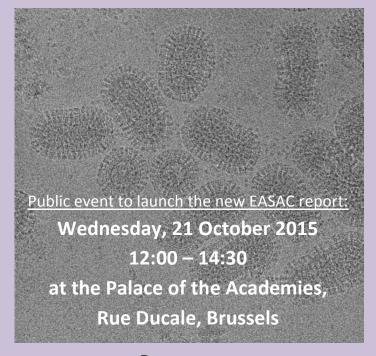


# Event invitation

## **Gain of Function:**

### experimental applications relating to potentially pandemic pathogens

A discussion on modification of the influenza virus and recent related research, including risk-benefit analysis, considerations of scientific responsibility, research review and management systems, biosafety and biosecurity advisory bodies, publication of sensitive information, and public engagement.



### **Programme:**

12:00 Light lunch

**12:30** Introduction to EASAC and the study (Professor Volker ter Meulen, Chair of the EASAC working group on "Gain of Function" and Past President of EASAC)

12:40 Key messages from the EASAC study (Professor Sir John Skehel, Francis Crick Institute, UK)
13:00 Response to the EASAC study report from the European Commission (Dr Ruxandra Draghia-Akli,
Health Directorate, DG Research and Innovation)

13:20 Commentary from a US perspective (Professor Ronald Atlas, University of Louisville)

### 13:40 Panel Discussion

(moderated by Professor Volker ter Meulen):

- Professor Simon Wain-Hobson (Institut Pasteur Virology, France)
- Professor André Knotternus, WRR (Netherlands Scientific Council for Government Policy, NL)
- Dr Mike Skinner (Imperial College London, United Kingdom)
- Professor Mike Catchpole, ECDC (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control)

14:00 Open discussion with audience

14:30 Close of event and coffee

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