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«The Importance of the
Federal Embryo Commission
in Times of Genome Editing»

Symposium

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Chairs of the symposium :
André Van Steirteghem, president of the FEC
Henri Alexandre, vice-president of the FEC

House of Representatives,
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Programme

- 11.00 **Registration + sandwich meal**
- 12.00 **Introduction to the symposium**
Isabelle Van Der Brempt, head of the Acute and Chronic Care Department, DG Health Care. FPS of Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment
- 12.15 **The relationship between university research centres and B centres with regard to projects of research on embryos**
Bénédicte Jacobs, lawyer
- 12.40 **Is it still necessary to conduct research on human embryos, including the creation of embryos for research purposes?**
Hilde Van de Velde, Centrum voor Reproductieve Geneeskunde, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- 13.20 **While CRISPR/CAS9 is currently the most popular method of genome editing, there are others**
Robin Lovell-Badge, Head of the Division of Stem Cell Biology and Developmental Genetics, The Francis Crick Institute, London, UK
- 14.00 **Ethical concerns related to genome editing in human embryos**
Heidi Mertes, Bioethics Institute Ghent, Universiteit Gent
- 14.40 **Coffee break**
- 15.15 **Results of the follow-up of the FCE activities 2006-2015 and comparison with European countries**
Guido Pennings, Bioethics Institute Ghent, Universiteit Gent
- 16.00 **Conclusions and take home messages**
by André Van Steirteghem and Henri Alexandre
- 16.15 **Reception**

Simultaneous translation: Dutch – French – English, slides in English.