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Dear Dr Finn KAMPER-JORGENSEN,

Following our previous exchanges, and on behalf of the EUREC Core Group, we are happy to invite you to a EUREC workshop, restricted to one representative per country.

During the Conference on Research Ethics Committees in Europe "*Facing the Future together*" in Brussels (27 and 28 January 2005), representatives from national associations of local Research Ethics Committees (RECs) decided to work together in order to maintain and develop high quality standards in the protection of human subjects in Europe. They committed themselves to create a network of national networks of RECs, called EUREC, open to national associations of local RECs or to national RECs. (The EUREC-Declaration can be seen at EUREC-Website [www.eurecnet.org](http://www.eurecnet.org)).

The European Commission encouraged representatives of National Associations and experts to draft a proposal on this basis.

Since 2005 a core group of REC-representatives and experts started to develop the EUREC-Network. EUREC aims at the protection of human subjects in biomedical research by the following actions:

- Creation of a European network of local, national and regional networks through a European platform of exchange of local Research Ethics Committees (REC). EUREC will promote capacity building and connections between these networks.
- Improving communication between local REC, by workshops, advices and electronic tools.
- Intensification of the discussion of common ethical principles and of the implementation procedures of European standards.
- Development of an exchange platform for training materials, training programmes and e-learning tools for local Research Ethics Committee members. *The education of local REC members being the essential element in the creation and reinforcement of the network both at national and international levels and identification of quality label criteria in training.*

- Creation of a dedicated website to disseminate the project deliverables and outputs at each national level with links to existing selected and validated internet websites.
- Stimulate research activities in the field of the protection of human subjects in biomedical research.

On behalf of the EUREC Core Group we would like to invite you to a meeting of national representatives of RECs as further step to proceed with EUREC.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**European Commission  
Bâtiment CDMA  
Rue du Champ de Mars 21,  
Salle de réunion SDR2, étage -1,  
1050 Brussels**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

**The Stanhope Hotel,  
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For the Eurec Core Group,

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Enclosed:

- Agenda of the workshop in Brussels.
- List of Eurec expected partners.

**EUREC Workshop AGENDA**  
Brussels

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 12:00 am

- Opening
- Welcome to participants
- Introduction, Rationale of the project, Objectives
- Structure of the project
- Work-Packages specifics:
  - Presentation & specification
  - Discussion & validation
- Final application document
- Agenda for next steps.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2:00 pm

- Closing
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