

# CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Institute of Social Law and the Center of Sociological Research of the KU Leuven are proud to announce the EISS yearly conference on  
**“The social security of moving researchers”**

**Leuven, 23rd and 24th of September 2010**

*a conference organised under the Belgian Presidency  
in co-organisation with*

*DG Research of the European Commission, the Belgian Federal Public Service on Social Security,  
the League of European Research Universities and the European Institute of Social Security  
taking place in Leuven on the 23rd and 24th of September 2010.*



# The social security of moving researchers

Researchers are moving frequently and for shorter periods of time from one country to another or are even active in different countries at the same time. When a researcher of today retires he/she has often been employed by many different employers and this even in different social security statuses. The work patterns have changed dramatically. In fact the mobility of the researcher constitutes an essential element in the realization of a dynamic and successful European Research Area which has been one of the top priorities of the European Commission over the last years.

During this conference experts in the field of social security and researchers' mobility address the issues which internationally mobile researchers are confronted with when moving within and outside Europe. It is often the case that researchers' mobility is hampered by obstacles linked to his/her social protection. Not only an analysis of the problems is made but possible options for solutions will be presented and discussed.



European Research Area

## Day 1: 23rd of September 2010

### 10.30h Welcome address and clarification of the conference theme

Prof. Jos Berghman,  
president of the European Institute of Social Security, Belgium

### 11.00h 'Innovation and Science'

Mr. Biltgen,  
Minister of Culture, Higher Education and Research of Luxembourg

### FIRST SESSION: The Problem

#### 11.30h 'Variety of researchers and social security'

Prof. Grega Strban,  
University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

#### 12.15 h 'Illustrations of problems'

Mr. Inderjit Seehra,  
University of Cambridge, United Kingdom and  
Mr. Rudi Tranquillini,  
University of Padua, Italy

#### 13.00h – 14.00h Lunch

### SECOND SESSION: Coordination Law

#### 14.00h 'Interpretation issues and applicable legislation'

Prof. Stamatia Devetzi,  
University of Applied Sciences Fulda, Germany

#### 14.45h 'Benefits related interpretation issues'

Dr. Éva Lukács Gellérné,  
Ministry of Health, Hungary

#### 15.30h – 16.00h Coffee break

#### 16.00h 'Third country researchers'

Prof. Herwig Verschueren,  
University of Antwerp, Belgium

#### 17.00h General Assembly of the members of the EISS

#### 18.00h Sight-seeing: Leuven

#### 19.00h Reception at the Old City Hall of Leuven

Welcome by Mr. Louis Tobback, Mayor of the city of Leuven

#### 20.30h Dinner

## Day 2: 24th of September 2010

### THIRD SESSION: Supplementary pensions

**10.00h** 'Supplementary pensions'  
Mr. Gerard Riemen,  
The Dutch Association of Industry-wide Pension Funds,  
the Netherlands

**10.45h** Young Researchers Forum

**12.15 h – 13.30h** Lunch

### FOURTH SESSION: Solutions ahead

**13.30h** 'Parameters as a technique for reform'  
Mr. Frank Vandenbroucke,  
Professor at the KU Leuven, former Flemish Minister of  
Education, Belgium

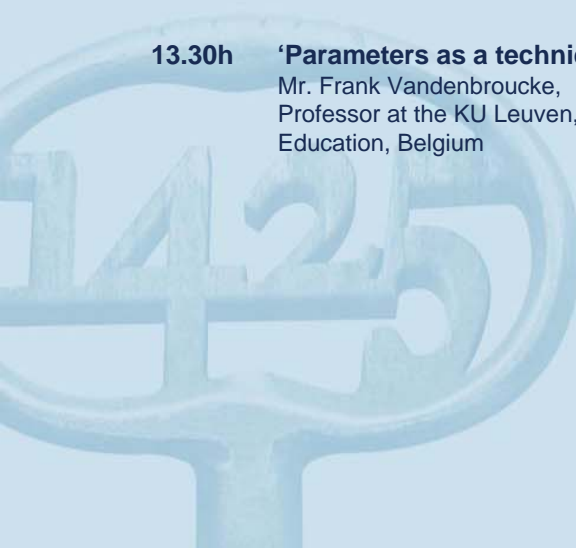
**14.15h** 'Research careers'  
Prof. Kurt Deketelaere,  
secretary general of the League of European Research  
Universities (LERU), Belgium

**15.00h – 15.30h** Coffee break

**15.30h** The Belgian Presidency and the social protection of  
mobile researchers  
The Belgian Minister of Social Affairs

**16.00h** Round Table and Conclusions  
Prof. Paul Schoukens, KU Leuven, Belgium

**17.00h** Closing Reception



## Location

KU Leuven / Faculty of Law  
 Tiensestraat 41, 3000 Leuven  
 Belgium

## Room:

Zeger Van Hee Auditoria

## Conference fee:

- Early registration (before 31st of August 2010)
  - EISS members and KU Leuven personnel: 110,00 Euro
  - others: 130,00 Euro
- Late registration (after the 1st of September 2010 – before 15th of September 2010)
  - EISS members and KU Leuven personnel: 140,00 Euro
  - others: 170,00 Euro

Accompanying persons pay 70,00 Euro  
 (only when attending the dinner, city walk and receptions)

## Registration form

Please find our Registration form [attached](#).

*! Registrations are only possible beforehand and not on the conference days.*

## Conference Centre

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## Accommodation

Leuven offers a variety of accommodation alternatives which you can access from the webpage of the City of Leuven Tourist Office ([www.leuven.be](http://www.leuven.be)).

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