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## *Media invitation*

# **“Making it in Europe!”: EU to unveil key initiatives in research infrastructures and manufacturing technologies**

- WHAT?** *Two major European conferences: “Third European Conference on Research Infrastructures” (Nottingham) and “MANUFUTURE 2005” (Derby)  
Dedicated press briefings on challenges and opportunities in fundamental research and new manufacturing technologies*
- WHEN?** *Tuesday 6 December 2005 (arrival 5/12 evening, departure 7/12 morning)*
- WHERE?** *The East Midlands Conference Centre (EMCC), Nottingham, and  
Rolls-Royce’s Research and Demonstration Centre, Derby, UK*
- WHO?** *Janez Potocnik, EU Commissioner for Science and Research  
Lord Sainsbury, UK Minister for Science (tbc)  
Mr J. Buzek, MEP, Rapporteur for FP7, European Parliament (tbc),  
Leading industry CEOs, scientists and research teams*

*Two complementary events on 6 December in England’s East Midlands will provide a unique opportunity to assess the challenges and opportunities in fundamental research and new manufacturing technologies - and meet those who are pioneering Europe’s leadership in these two strategic, related areas. Both events are organised under the auspices of the UK Council Presidency and the European Commission.*

*The first event, the Third European Conference on Research Infrastructures, will bring together European top scientists and policy makers, as well as from the USA, Japan, China and South Africa, with the aim of optimising Research Infrastructures (RI’s) in Europe. Focusing on medium and long term scientific and industrial needs, this high level event will examine how Europe can make best use of its RI’s, maximise usage of, and access to, existing infrastructures, strengthen international cooperation, and develop a new generation world leading installations to enhance basic research and industrial competitiveness. The conference itself, which will be opened by Commissioner Potocnik, will be preceded by a dedicated press briefing on the role of RI’s in the forthcoming 7th EU Framework Programme for Research, in a broad spectrum of areas, such as astronomy, biomedical research, cultural heritage environment, ICT, industrial technologies, nanotechnology.*

*Complementing this first event, the conference “MANUFUTURE 2005: Making it in Europe” will bring together a thousand participants from research, industry and the civil society, and focus on key advances in manufacturing technologies and their business applications. Held in one of the world most advanced industrial research centre, the Rolls Royce Research and Demonstration Centre in Derby, this event aims at strengthening exchanges of ideas and focusing R&D efforts between key players in the public and private sectors, to speed up industrial transformation in Europe. On this occasion, the High Level Group of European executives from the private and public sector will present its Manufacturing Strategic Research Agenda, to ensure that Europe wins - and maintains - a major share of the world’s manufacturing output in an increasingly competitive environment..*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOURNALISTS:

These two events, organised by the European Commission, in conjunction with Rolls-Royce and major UK research institutions, will offer the media a full and exciting package:

- ?? **Keynotes by Janez Potocnik, EU Commissioner for Science and Research, and Lord Sainsbury, UK Minister for Science (tbc)**
- ?? **Press corner with Janez Potocnik, including interview opportunities**
- ?? **Presentations by key MEPs, EU manufacturing industry CEOs, and research teams**
- ?? **Dedicated visit of research installations and of Rolls-Royce's Research and Demonstration Centre**
- ?? **Visit of Rolls Royce Heritage Museum**
- ?? **Networking and interview opportunities with leading EU executives, scientists and policy makers, including gala dinner offered by Rolls Royce**

## SCHEDULE **(PROVISIONAL):**

### **Monday 5 December 2005**

evening      Arrival at Manchester airport and transfer to hotel in Derby  
Networking dinner in Derby

### **Tuesday 6 December 2005**

08:30      Transfer to East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham

09.30      Media briefing on European Research Infrastructures

11.15      Opening of **Third European Conference on Research Infrastructures**  
**Keynote by Janez Potocnik, EU Commissioner for Science and Research**, and presentations by leading US, Japanese and Chinese scientists and policy makers

12.15      Networking lunch

13:30      Transfer to Rolls-Royce Research and Demonstration Centre, Derby

14:00      Opening of the **"MANUFUTURE 2005: Making it in Europe"** conference,  
**Keynotes by Commissioner Potocnik and by Rolls Royce top executive**

14:30      **Press corner with Commissioner Potocnik**

15:00      Special press tour of of **Rolls-Royce's Research and Demonstration Centre**

16:00      MANUFUTURE 2005 conference sessions  
Launch of public consultation on the **European Manufacturing Strategic Research Agenda**

19:00      Gala dinner and visit of the **Rolls Royce Heritage Museum**

21:30      Return to hotel

### **Wednesday 7 December**

Early morning transfer to Manchester airport

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

***For additional information on this press event and registration, please contact***

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***For additional information on the “Third European Conference on Research Infrastructures”***

<http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/ecriuk/>

***For additional information on the “MANUFUTURE 2005 –Making it in Europe” Conference***

<http://www.manufutureuk2005.org.uk/>

## **REGISTRATION**

**JOURNALISTS WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD REGISTER WITH OUR CONTRACTORS FOR THIS EVENT**

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