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The **Belgian Society for Cell and Developmental Biology (BSCDB)** and the **Namur Research Institute for Life Sciences (NARILIS)** from the University of Namur are co-organizing a

Joint Spring Meeting
“NON-CODING RNA IN HEALTH AND DISEASE”
on Friday March 20, 2020 in Namur

Genomic sequences encoding proteins represents only 2% of the entire genome. However, most of the genome is transcribed into RNA molecules that do not code for proteins and are referred to as “non-coding RNA”. The present meeting will focus on exploring this non-coding portion of the genome, which is still largely unknown, but has undeniably an important role in regulating gene expression.

The aim of the meeting is to shed light on advances in the discovery of new non-coding RNAs and their functional characterization. The topics of the meeting will cover small non-coding RNAs (miRNAs), as well as the more recently described long non-coding RNAs and circular RNAs. In addition to their involvement in fundamental biological processes, the meeting will also address contribution of these non-coding RNAs to pathological conditions. Their use as diagnostic biomarkers and their potential as future therapeutic targets will be discussed.

Six invited speakers, with a renowned expertise in the field, will give keynote lectures: Prof. Nikolaus Rajewsky, Berlin; Dr. Sébastien Pfeffer, Strasbourg; Prof. Federico Calegari, Dresden; Prof. Eleonora Leucci, KULeuven; Dr. Pierre Close, ULiège and Prof. Pieter Mestdagh, UGhent (see preliminary program attached).

This event aims at gathering up to 150 participants, including academics, PhD students, postdoc researchers and clinician-researchers. Young scientists will be invited to submit abstracts for short talks and/or poster presentations.

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