

# WORKSHOP Report- Accreditation for Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis laboratories



Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis involves a complex diagnostic process that requires high quality standards to be met. Technologies involved in PGD are still in the stage of constantly being improved and the clinical demand for it has increased exponentially over the last couple of years.

This prompted EuroGentest and ESHRE to organize an accreditation workshop for PGD in Athens, Greece, 3-4<sup>th</sup> of October 2011. It was the first interactive European workshop that was held on this topic. During two days, at the Crown Plaza hotel in Athens, 34 people from all over Europe and beyond (China, Japan, Singapore, Belgium, Greece ...) participated in interactive presentations, exercises and several case studies on the ISO 15189 norm and on validation aspects for accreditation (non-conformities, reporting, training...).

The interest was great and even the transportation strikes could not ruin the enthusiasm of the participants at this fine location. People left with the confidence that they were now better equipped to tackle the issues that might jeopardize the quality of their work so they can guarantee a better service to the patients, who are still the most important stakeholders when it comes to genetic diagnostics.