



NEWSLETTER May 2011

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EuroGentest2 is a European coordination action for the harmonization and further improvement of genetic services, especially genetic testing across Europe.

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS

[The 11th Annual International Gene Forum 2011, 10-11 June](#)

[European Human Genetics Conference ESHG 2011, 28-31 May](#)

[International prenatal screening group \(ipsq\) 2011 congress and International society for prenatal diagnosis \(ispd\) 2011 educational day, 19-21 June](#)

[7th Course in Statistical Genetic Analysis of Complex Phenotypes, 20-23 June](#)

[4th International Congress of Molecular Medicine, 27-30 June](#)

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➔ EuroGentest2

With this newsletter we would like to inform you about EuroGentest2 (EUGT2). This project will continue the work done in the previous FP6 Network of Excellence EuroGentest project for which the funding officially ended in 2010. EuroGentest2 will continue to provide the services that were provided in the NoE project and will expand its activities towards PGD, NIPD and DTC testing (www.eurogentest.org). We will keep you up-to-date with this newsletter.

➔ EUGT2/TECHGENE Joint Meeting

February 9-10, 2011, the kickoff meeting of EUGT2 was held in the historical student city of Louvain, Belgium. It was a Joint Scientific meeting with another FP7th framework project, TECHGENE. The meeting was successful in bringing together experts from all fields of genetic testing and allowed EUGT2 and TECHGENE to introduce to the audience what their ambitions and goals are. Also, some interesting discussions were held that will aid in determining what EUGT2 and TECHGENE can do for the professionals and the public. We would like to thank all the members of EUGT2 and TG for their cooperation in organizing and attending this meeting and all the speakers for their input in the presentations and discussions. We also like to thank Jean-Jacques Cassiman for his founding efforts in EuroGentest.

Registered users of the EUGT2 website and of this specific event can find pictures and presentations of the scientific meeting on [our website](#).

➔ ESHG 2011

EuroGentest2 will be present at the European Society Of Human Genetics Conference 2011 in Amsterdam (The Netherlands) from Saturday, May 28 until Tuesday, May 31 2011:

- Visit our joint booth with [Orphanet](#), [TECHGENE](#) and [ESHG](#)
- EuroGentest/TECHGENE Satellite meeting : "Innovative Techniques in Genome Diagnostics" - Monday, May 30, 2011 - 11:40 - 13:10 hrs
- Workshop on Quality Control (WS13) - Monday, May 30, 2011 - 15.15 - 16.45 hrs
- For more information visit the [ESHG2011 website](#) or on [our website](#).

➔ Other EUGT2 activities

- Prof. JJ Cassiman and Dr. V De Groote attended the "[European Perspectives in Personalized Medicine](#)" conference organized by the European Commission's DG Research and Innovation, in Brussels on 12 -13 May 2011. Lively discussions were held on the possibilities and challenges of integrating personalized medicine in health care and how genetic profiling fits in this picture.
- Prof. G Matthijs and Prof. M Macek Jr attended the second meeting of the International Rare Disease Research Consortium, IRDiRC, which ambition is to realize a cooperation effort at international level that supports research in rare diseases. The ultimate goal is to develop diagnostic test for most rare diseases and to offer 200 new therapies for patients affected by rare diseases by 2010. The next meeting will take place in Montreal, Canada in October 2011.

The press release of this second meeting can be found on the [EUGT2 website](#).