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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

[ESHRE 27th Annual Meeting, 3-6 July](#)

[European Summer School on Medical Law and Bioethics, 4-7 July](#)

[Course in clinical cytogenetics, 28 Aug – 3 Sept](#)

[9th Balkan Congress of Medical Genetics, 15-17 Sept](#)

[Hereditary recurrent fevers \(HRF\) best practice meeting for genetic diagnostics, 18-19 Sept](#)

[2nd Course in Eye Genetics, 28 Sept – 1 Oct](#)

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➔ **EUGT2 at the ESHG 2011 conference in Amsterdam**

The European Society of Human Genetics held its annual conference in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. As usual, the meeting was a great success in gathering clinical experts and research scientists to give lectures and have discussions on the latest developments in human genetics. With three posters we presented our three major focus areas at the EUGT2 booth: “Laboratory Quality Management”, “Genetic Counseling as part of Health Care”, and “Technology”. We are pleased to say that a lot of people showed an interest in EuroGentest. The report of the EUGT2 presence at ESHG 2011 is found on [our website](#).



➔ **Clinical Utility Gene Cards (CUGCs)**

EuroGentest has developed guidelines for the clinically validated use of genetic testing, the **Clinical Utility Gene Cards (CUGCs)**. Clinical Utility Gene Cards are disease-specific guidelines written by international expert groups. They intend to provide quick guidance to clinicians, geneticists, referrers, service providers, and payers. CUGCs contain information regarding analytical and clinical validity, clinical utility and ethical, legal and social issues. Subsequent to peer-review, each CUGC is published by the European Journal of Human Genetics (EJHG). All guidelines are freely available on the websites of [EuroGentest](#), the EJHG and Orphanet. Due to the regular revisions and inclusion of new developments and findings all documents reflect the state-of-the-art.

The CUGC section of the EuroGentest website contains a pdf list of planned CUGC titles including the current progress and a table of all published CUGCs with links to the publication. For further questions and information, please contact [eurogentest@mh-hannover.de](mailto:eurogentest@mh-hannover.de).

➔ **Are you involved in genetic services and striving for optimal collaboration and integration in health care?**

Express your experiences and opinions about good practice in provision of clinical genetic service by taking our [survey](#) and/or joining the expert group in our *web-based forum*!

More and more medical disciplines are involved in genetic services and i.a. a shift from diagnostic to predictive testing is observed. A field moving this quickly now needs guidance in many countries.

With a focus on *interactions* between different stakeholders and the difference between the diagnostic setting and predictive testing we cordially invite all professionals involved in different fields of genetic services (including from e.g. primary care and different medical specialties) to give their input for the development of so called standard (*co-*)operating procedures.

To go to the survey [click here](#).

For more information about the project and/or the web-based forum please contact [Tessel Rigtter](#).

*This forum and survey are part of EuroGentest's WP 8 (Unit 2) which focuses on “Developing best practice guidelines for provision of clinical genetic service”. More information can be found on the [EUGT2 website](#).*

➔ **EuroGentest/TECHGENE second Joint Meeting**

EuroGentest2 will have a Joint Scientific meeting with Techgene, January 2012 in Nijmegen, The Netherlands. Before and after this open meeting, there will be Unit meetings, a Steering Committee meeting and a General Assembly for EuroGentest participants. **Please reserve these days in your agenda: 18 -20 January 2012.** More information will appear on the website soon.

➔ **EUGT participants only**

- Documents for EUGT2 participants, such as meeting minutes, work package reports and useful templates/lists are found on the [participant page](#) of the EuroGentest website. If you are a EUGT2 participant and you can not access these documents, make sure you are registered on the website and [contact our webmaster](#) for participant access.
- The members of the Steering Committee of EUGT2 held their two-monthly meeting by teleconference. A short report for the EUGT2 participants is found on the [website](#).