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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

- [7th International Conference on Circulating Nucleic Acids in Plasma and Serum \(CNAPS VII\), 24-25 Oct](#)
- [4th Course in Integration of cytogenetics, microarrays and massive sequencing in biomedical and clinical research, 25-28 Oct](#)
- [IVD regulation and the oversight of genetic testing – global trends and stakeholder perspectives, 27-28 Oct](#)
- [3rd Meeting of the CAPABILITY-Network and the IHCP on Genetic Testing in Emerging Economies \(GenTEE\), 28 Oct- 1 Nov](#)
- [Rare2011 Conference European Day, 2-4 Nov](#)
- [BASIC WORKSHOP - Accreditation for beginners, how to implement ISO 15189, 3-4 Nov](#)
- [New Developments in Prenatal Genetic Testing: Ethical, Legal and Social Implications, 10-11 Nov](#)
- [Molecular and Cellular Biology of the Epithelium in Health and Disease. WS3. High-Throughput Biology to Approach Epithelia: from Transcriptomics to Functional Genomics, 14-18 Nov](#)

Joint EuroGentest/TECHGENE Scientific meeting and General Assembly meeting 18-19th of January 2012, Nijmegen, The Netherlands



EuroGentest is organizing a joint Scientific meeting together with another FP7 framework program, TECHGENE. This meeting will take place in Nijmegen, The Netherlands and will encompass topics ranging from Quality in Genetic Laboratories to Next Generation Sequencing technologies and its medical implementations. Program and speakers will be made public soon.

Preceding this Scientific meeting, EuroGentest will have its General Assembly meeting Wednesday 18th January in Nijmegen. EuroGentest participants are required to be present.

More information can be found [here](#).

“IVD regulation and the oversight of genetic testing – global trends and stakeholder perspectives” – Workshop in Leuven, Belgium on 27-28 October 2011

This workshop has been organised by the EuroGentest network to discuss impending reform of IVD device regulation in the USA and the EU and its impact on genetic tests and molecular diagnostics more broadly, with a particular focus on what we believe are three of the most critical issues: risk classification, laboratory-developed tests and consumer genetics. The workshop will bring together senior representatives of the full range of stakeholders including clinicians, scientists, industry, patient/consumer groups and policymakers. The intention is to share information; explore areas of similarity and divergence in plans for reform of IVD regulations; identify potential for harmonisation and those areas where harmonisation is unlikely/impossible; explore stakeholder views; explore mechanisms/forums for harmonisation and potential role of EuroGentest and other stakeholders in this process.

Attendance to this meeting is by invitation only; a report of the meeting will be issued in due course. More information can be found [here](#).

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, 3-4th 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, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Japan, Singapore, Turkey, Belgium, Greece, Ukraine, ...) 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.

More information can be found on the [EuroGentest website](#).



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Unit 1 meeting in London, UK

The first EUGT2 Unit 1 meeting took place in London on 15th September 2011. Representatives from all four work packages within Unit 1 attended the meeting and the work package leaders gave a short presentation on the progress of the work done to date. As a result of this meeting, we are pleased to confirm that our deadlines for the Unit 1 milestones and deliverables are on track.

The EQA providers, CEQA, EMQN and ERNDIM, reported that new pilot EQAs for 2011 are underway. The current timetable for accreditation related workshops is on the EuroGentest2 website and the workshop timetable for 2012 is being finalised. The Unit 1 meeting was also attended by Valerie De Groote of EuroGentest2, who presented an overview of the coordination office activities. More information on the outcomes from this meeting can be found on the [EuroGentest website](#).

The next Unit 1 meeting is scheduled to take place in Nijmegen in January 2012, prior to the [Eurogentest/TECHGENE Joint Scientific Symposium](#).

Other news



- Connect to EuroGentest on [Linkdln](#)
- September 30th, the EuroGentest Steering Committee had their two-monthly meeting, click [here](#) for a short report (*participants only*).
- EuroGentest will hold [a joint session](#) with CNAPS researchers at the 7th International Conference on Circulating Nucleic Acids in Plasma and Serum (CNAPS VII) the 25th of October 2011 in Madrid, Spain.
- In the participant section of the EuroGentest website, some interesting general documents from the **EC website** are highlighted and you can find information on the [18 month reporting](#) and on [time recording](#) (*participants only*).