



Newsletter January 2012

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IN SHORT

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [6èmes Assises de Génétique Humaine et Médicale, 2-4 Feb](#)
[Up Close and Personalized, International Congress on Personalized Medicine, 2-5 Feb](#)
[VII International Conference on Rare Diseases and Orphan Drugs, 4-6 Feb](#)
[Workshop: An introduction to Quality Assurance in Genetic Diagnostic Laboratories, 6-7 Feb](#)
[Workshop India: An introduction to Quality Assurance in Genetic Diagnostic Laboratories, 9-10 Feb](#)
[Rare Cancers Conference 2012, 10 Feb](#)
[BASIC WORKSHOP - Accreditation for beginners, how to implement ISO 15189, 23-24 Feb](#)
[RE\(ACT\) Congress, 29 Feb – 2 Mar](#)

PARTICIPANTS ONLY

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Report of the EuroGentest/TECHGENE Joint Scientific Symposium

On January 19th 2012 EuroGentest and TECHGENE organized their second Joint Scientific Symposium in Nijmegen, the oldest city of the Netherlands. The venue was 'De Vereniging', a beautiful concert building.

More than 200 enthusiastic participants found their way to the meeting. From new developments and diagnostic possibilities in Next Generation Sequencing to different aspects on Quality in genetic testing in Europe, EuroGentest and TECHGENE partners and members presented their work and recent developments in the field. Invited speakers Ghislaine Cleret de Langavant and Cecile Janssens gave a presentation on a Canadian nationwide screening of Trisomy 21 and on the data behind some Direct-To-Consumers susceptibility tests, respectively. The day was concluded with a lively discussion on the ethical and societal considerations of whole genome sequencing.

We can fairly say this second joint effort of the two 7th Framework programs was a success. Keep an eye on the EuroGentest website to find out about the next edition that will take place in Leuven, early in 2013.

Go to [the website](#) for a full report and for the presentations of the Scientific meeting.

Gene Values: a new blog on ethical and socio-economic dimensions of personalised medicine

EuroGentest member Dr Stuart Hogarth, King's College London, has launched a new blog called **genevalues**, with a focus on the ethical and socio-economic dimensions of personalised medicine. Stuart has an international reputation for his work on the regulation of genetic testing and contributes to the policy coordination work of EuroGentest.

"Blogs are a great way to reach multiple audiences and to make public comment on topical issues in a way which is less formal and more accessible than a peer-reviewed article," says Stuart.

Stuart's first post reveals that 23andme have filed for patents relating to the Parkinson's Disease genes they discovered in their recent GWAS research on the disease.

Visit this blog on <http://genevalues.wordpress.com/>.

! Newly published Clinical Utility Gene Cards for:

[BEST1-related dystrophies \(Bestrophenopathies\) – 2012 Jan 11](#)

[Familial erythrocytosis – 2012 Jan 25](#)

[Haemophilia B – 2012 Jan 25](#)

[Werner syndrome – 2012 Jan 18](#)

Check the [EuroGentest website](#) for a full list of CUGC's.

Other news

- Connect to EuroGentest on [LinkedIn](#) 
- 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).

