

EUROGENTEST FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Patricia Norambuena, PhD student from the National Cystic Fibrosis Centre headed by Prof. Dr. Milan Macek, Jr., Institute of Biology and Medical Genetics, 2nd School of Medicine, Charles University, attended the 20th Course in Medical Genetics, European School of Medicine (www.eurogene.org) in Bertinoro di Rogmana, Italy, from May 5th, 2007 to May 11th, 2007.

Since my background was in classical molecular biology and genetics, the purpose of attending this Eurogene course was to get introduced in human/medical genetics concepts, principally for my involvement in EuroGentest.

I had the opportunity to learn more and refresh my knowledge in human genetics particularly in clinical genetics, neurogenetics, complex genetic disorders, cytogenetics and genetic analysis. Also, I had the opportunity to have a view up-to-date of the old and new technologies implemented in the discovery and diagnosis of genetic disorders, this last point was important for me as a part of the Unit 5 in EuroGentest.

This course was very valuable for me, the quality of the speakers in the course was excellent, I could learn a lot from them and also they made me to be very enthusiastic, especially in perform the best laboratory practices for the final purpose which is to help the patients.

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