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YOUR NEWS

Are you a EUGT2 participant? Let us know if you are involved in upcoming evens or have a new publication. We will publish this on the website and in the newsletter!

IN SHORT

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 28th Annual Meeting of ESHRE, 1-4 July
- 8th Biennial International 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Meeting, 6-10 July
- Summer School Clinical practice guidelines on rare diseases, 9-11 July
- HGSA 36th Annual Scientific Meeting, 22-25 July
- 3rd TECHGENE Knowledge Network Meeting, 5-6 Sept
- The 13th International Meeting on Human Genome Variation and Complex Genome Analysis, 6-8 Sept
- The British Human Genetics Conference, 17-19 Sept
- 28th Ernst Klenk Symposium in Molecular Medicine, 30 Sept – 2 Oct

PARTICIPANTS ONLY

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Mark your agenda ! EuroGentest 's 3rd Scientific symposium in Prague, 6-8th March 2013

After the Joint EuroGentest/Techgene Scientific Symposia in Leuven, Belgium (February 2011) and Nijmegen, The Netherlands (January 2012), EuroGentest will organize a third edition in 2013.

As before, the Scientific Symposium will focus on **quality issues** and developments in **genetic diagnostics**.

The symposium will be open to all interested i.e. not limited to EuroGentest partners.

More information will be available soon on our website.

Call for comments: Draft guidelines for prenatal diagnostic testing

During the EuroGentest2 expert workshop on Prenatal diagnosis in May 2012, a first draft of guidelines was written. This draft is now available on the EuroGentest website (click here).

These guidelines are open to consultation and comments are sought from any relevant organisation or interested person.

Please send any comments to Professor Heather Skirton, heather.skirton@plymouth.ac.uk by **15 August, 2012.**

Click here for more information.

ESHG condemns the use of genetic testing to establish 'racial purity'

In a reaction to the recent news regarding a Hungarian politician using a genetic test to assess 'racial purity' the European Society of Human Genetics published a clear statement on this kind of use of genetic testing. It is completely unethical and it is an abuse of a technology developed to help the sick.

Click here for the news article.

The press release can be viewed here .

Publications

By EuroGentest members:

- Quality assurance practices in Europe: a survey of molecular genetic testing laboratories by Sarah Berwouts, Mike Morris, David Barton, Els Dequeker and others.
- Improvement of interpretation in cystic fibrosis clinical laboratory reports: longitudinal analysis of external quality assessment data by Sarah Berwouts, Emanuelle Girodon, Mike Morris, Els Dequeker and others.
- Quality issues in genetic testing can (should) molecular diagnostic labs improve the quality of their services? by Jean-Jacques Cassiman.
- Direct to consumer genetic testing: a systematic review of position statements, policies and recommendations by Heather Skirton, Lesley Goldsmith, Leigh Jackson and others.
- Direct-to-consumer genomic testing: systematic review of the literature on user perspectives by Heather Skirton, Lesley Goldsmith, Leigh Jackson and others.

For your interest:

- Exploring concordance and discordance for return of incidental findings from clinical sequencing

Other

- Connect to EuroGentest on LinkdIn
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