



# Newsletter November 2012



## YOUR NEWS

Are you a EUGT2 participant? [Let us know](#) if you are involved in upcoming events 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

- New Frontiers Symposium 2012, 3-4 Dec
- Translating Genomics Conference, 4 Dec
- [10th Asia-Pacific Conference on Human Genetics 2012, 5-8 Dec](#)



## PARTICIPANTS ONLY

Documents for EUGT2 participants are found on the [participant page](#) of the EuroGentest website.

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## REGISTER

Do you wish to receive this newsletter and stay up to date with the activities of EuroGentest2? Please [register](#) on our website.

## Final program available for the 3<sup>rd</sup> EuroGentest meeting in Prague, register now!



The final program is now available revealing the speakers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> EuroGentest meeting, co-organized by APOGEE-Net/CanGeneTest.

No admission fee, but [on-line registration](#) is required.

**Register now** for the best hotel rates!

## Unveiling of the proposed new IVD Regulation

On September 26, the European Commission adopted proposals for new regulatory structures for medical devices and in vitro diagnostic medical devices (IVDs).

The **proposed new Regulation on IVDs** would mark a complete change in the way that diagnostic devices (tests or test kits) are regulated. EuroGentest has been closely involved in the discussions leading up to this new Regulation, and we are pleased to see that many of the changes we have suggested are included.

Click [here](#) to read the full **briefing note** on the new IVD proposal written by David Barton and Stuart Hogarth.

Click [here](#) for more information on the IVD directive.



## EuroGentest 's workshops on quality management & accreditation in genetic testing laboratories

The [program for 2013](#) is now available on the website, register now for one of the upcoming workshops!

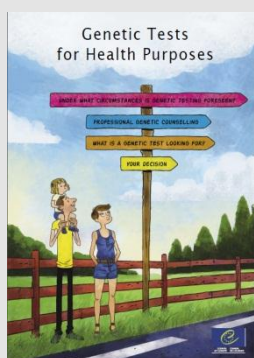
### NEW!! E-Course: What is Quality Management?

In this era of fast technological advance and minimization of distance through the use of the Internet, we present you the 'EuroGentest E-course'.

- No more time-consuming and distant traveling
- No more expensive trips and hotels
- Still all the knowledge to learn more on quality management and accreditation and to improve your current quality system
- Opportunities to share experiences with other people and experts in the field

For more information or **free registration** click [here](#).

## Information on genetic testing is the purpose of a general readership brochure published by the Council of Europe



Under what circumstances is genetic testing foreseen? What does it look for? How should its results be interpreted? All questions intelligibly answered by this document.

**Genetic testing** is a source of considerable advances for human health, and will increasingly form part and parcel of medical practice. However, its use is not without implications for the persons concerned, as well as their family members in many cases. In view of results which are complex to analyse and with often limited predictive value, appropriate support takes on particular importance when a genetic test is envisaged and on subsequent receipt of its results. The availability of directly accessible tests which is developing on line especially, outside any individualised medical supervision, raises particular concerns in that regard.

Thus it is important for objective general information to be available to everyone about the nature of these tests, their applications in the health field, and the extent but also the limits of their results.

That is the purpose of this document produced by the Council of Europe with the support of the European Society of Human Genetics and EuroGentest.

This document, which may be consulted online will be translated into some twenty European languages.

For more information and to download the leaflets, click [here](#).

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## Publications

### **By EuroGentest members:**

- [Genetic profiteering: scandal of firm 'hiding vital breast cancer data'](#), an interview with Martina Cornel.
- [Spinocerebellar ataxias: an example of the challenges associated with genetic databases for dynamic mutations](#) by Jorge Sequeiros and others.
- [Incidental findings in genetic research and clinical diagnostic tests: A systematic review](#) by Leigh Jackson, Lesley Goldsmith, Heather Skirton and others.

### **For your interest:**

- [Evaluating genomic tests from bench to bedside: a practical framework](#)
- [Exome and Whole-Genome Sequencing as Clinical Tests: A Transformative Practice in Molecular Diagnostics](#)

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