



## Announcements

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The EJHG publishes short announcements (free of charge for ESHG members) regarding meetings in Europe, positions available and other announcements of interest to the Human Genetics community in Europe

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### Poster Award

*Poster award* for 300 ECU each presented at the 26th Annual Meeting of the ESHG, Paris, June 1-5, 1994

Graduate student (poster 317)  
*A. Jordanova*, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Computer prediction in SSCP analysis

Undergraduate student (poster 406)  
*Anne Laurent*, Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Faculté Pharmacie, Paris

Myotonic dystrophy: Evaluation of the steady state mRNA levels of the myotonin-protein kinase gene in skeletal muscle of congenitally affected patients.

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### Fifth European Neurofibromatosis Group Meeting

April 6-8, 1995, Leuven, Belgium

Second announcement and call for abstracts: September 1994.

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### NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences' Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository has human cell cultures available in the following categories: inherited metabolic disorders, biochemically mutant cell cultures with characterized mutations, well-characterized chromosomally aberrant cell cultures, extended family pedigrees, a human diversity and vanishing-populations collection, and human/rodent somatic cell hybrid mapping panels. The 1992/1993 catalog includes 5,270 cell cultures and 275 DNA samples. The 1992/1993 catalog supplement, which includes new cultures and a revised human/rodent ideogram section, is now available. Investigators are also encouraged to contact the Repository to submit specimens from individuals with well-documented genetic diseases or somatic cell hybrids retaining human chromosomes or derivative human chromosomes not currently in the collection. For additional information contact the Repository at:

401 Haddon Avenue  
Camden NJ 08103 (USA)

Phone: (609)-757-4848 from outside the United States  
(800)-752-3805 from within the United States  
Fax: (609)-757-9737

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### European School of Medical Genetics 8th Course

March 19-25, 1995, Sestri Levante, Genoa, Italy

*Directors*  
Victor A. McKusick (Baltimore)  
Giovanni Romeo (Genoa)

*Topics*  
Introduction to human molecular genetics and linkage analysis; cytogenetics; population genetics; clinical dysmorphology; cancer genetics; model systems, and genetic counselling and community genetic services.

*Format*  
Morning lectures, afternoon workshops in groups of 15-20 students.

*Venue and Accommodation*  
Grand Hotel del Castelli, Sestri Levante. Full board per day per person approx. 95,000-130,000 lire depending on the room.

*Language*  
English.

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### *Fee*

400,000 lire covering tuition fee, course book, coffee breaks, welcome party, excursion, certificate of attendance.

### *Application*

Send by regular mail a short CV, a letter of recommendation, a brief description of your scientific interests and a certificate of your fluency in English to:

Ms Caterina Cogorno  
Laboratory of Molecular Genetics  
Istituto G. Gaslini  
I-16148 Genoa (Italy)  
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## **Human-Rodent Somatic Cell Hybrid Mapping Panels**

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences' Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository has mapping panels available for distribution as cell cultures or DNA. Regional mapping panels, consisting of human-rodent somatic cell hybrids with deletion or derivative human chromosomes, are currently available for human chromosomes 4, 5, 11, 15, 17, and 18. Regional mapping panels for other human chromosomes will become available in the near future. In addition, a new version of mapping panel No. 2 is now available. Version 2 consists of 24 human-rodent somatic cell hybrids each retaining a single intact human chromosome. In version 2, the original hybrids retaining human chromosomes 1 and 20 have been replaced. The new monochromosomal hybrid for chromosome 1, GM/NA13139, is a human-mouse hybrid in which 96% of the cells retain the human chromosome, and the monochromosomal hybrid for chromosome 20, GM/NA13140, is a human-mouse hybrid in which 68% of the cells retain the human chromosome. All panels have been characterized at a minimum by (1) G-banded chromosome analysis, (2) in situ hybridization using biotinylated total human DNA, and (3) Southern blot hybridization.

For information or a repository catalog, contact

The NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository,  
Coriell Cell Repositories,  
Coriell Institute for Medical Research,  
401 Haddon Avenue,  
Camden, NJ 08103 (USA)

Phone: (800) 752-3805 in the United States,  
(609) 757-4848 from other countries;  
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## **Course in Preventive Medicine**

### **Prenatal Screening for Neural Tube Defects, Down Syndrome and Other Common Genetic Disorders**

October 15-17, 1994, Sestri Levante, Genoa, Italy

### *Directors*

Luciano Formularo (Genoa); Giovanni Romeo (Genoa); Franco Santi (Genoa), and Nicholas Wald (London).

### *Faculty*

Campogrande (Turin); J. Canick (Providence, USA); S. Canini (Genoa); C. Camaschella (Turin); P. De Biasio (Genoa); C. Delozier Blanchet (Geneva); D. Ganshirt-Ahlert (Munster); J. Haddow (Scarborough, USA); R. Harris (Manchester); U. Nicolini (Milan); G. Palomaki (Scarborough, USA), and J. van Lith (Groningen).

### *Topics to Be Covered*

Biochemical screening for neural tube defect; Down syndrome and other chromosomal abnormalities; programme implementation; new screening possibilities (CF, fraX, thalassemia, hemochromatosis), and community genetic services.

### *Venue and Accommodation*

Hotel Vis à Vis, Via della Chiusa  
I-16039 Sestri Levante-Genoa (Italy)  
Tel: +39 185 42661; Fax: 480853

Only a limited number of single rooms will be available. Full board per day per person: single room 150,000 lire; double room 130,000 lire.

### *Language*

English and Italian.

### *Fee*

350,000 lire covering tuition fee, course book, coffee breaks, certificate of attendance, welcome party.

### *Applications*

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