



Announcements

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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Call for Patients and Families with Hirschsprung's Disease

A major gene for Hirschsprung's disease has been mapped on chromosome 10 [see *Nature Genetics*, August 1993].

We are interested in studying families with recurrence of this disorder (which as far as the chromosome 10 gene is concerned is transmitted as an autosomal dominant trait with incomplete penetrance) and also isolated cases (for the study of possible mutations using the candidate gene approach).

Applications and informations:

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Genetics Spring Courses

Sestri Levante, Genoa, Italy

March 17-19, 1994

International Workshop on 'Hirschsprung Disease and Related Neurocristopathies'

Invited speakers: R.P. Bolande, D. Cass, A.M. Holschneider, C. Meijers, P. Milla, C. Nihoul-Fekété, V. Pachnis, B. Ponder, P. Puri, A.F. Scharli, G. Vaos, and others.

Registration fee: 400,000 Lire.

Lodging and meals: approximately 300,000 Lire.

March 20-26, 1994

European School of Medical Genetics (7th course)

Directors: V.A. McKusick (Baltimore) and G. Romeo (Genoa)

Registration fee: 350,000 Lire.

Lodging and meals: approximately 700,000 Lire.

During the past 6 years over 750 geneticists have taken this course, which is now open to everyone

interested in acquiring basic knowledge in human genetics and in getting an update on the new developments in medical genetics. Applicants from other medical specialties are welcome. Applications accepted until the course is full.

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NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences' Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository has cell cultures available in the following categories: human/rodent somatic cell hybrid mapping panels, inherited metabolic disorders, biochemically mutant cell cultures with characterized mutations, well-characterized chromosomally aberrant cell cultures, extended family pedigrees, and a human diversity and vanishing populations collection. 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

Phone: (800) 752-3805 in the United States;
(609) 757-4848 from other countries

Fax: (609) 757-9737

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Mauro Baschirotto Award 1994

Since 1992, the European Society of Human Genetics has presented the Mauro Baschirotto Award during its annual meeting in recognition of individual achievements in human genetics. The award is funded through the philanthropy of the Mauro Baschirotto family.

Award

The laureate receives a golden ring reproducing the logo of the Mauro Baschirotto Foundation, specially designed by the silversmiths of Vicenza (Italy) and cast in a single copy each year, and a cheque of 1500 ECU to cover the expenses for the participation of the awardee to the 3-day meeting of the Society.

Eligibility

Candidates working in Europe can be nominated from any of the genetic disciplines.

The awardee must be present at the 26th annual meeting of the European Society of Human Genetics, International Conference Centre, Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie de la Villette, Paris, June 2-5, 1994.

Application Procedure and Deadline

Nomination letters describing the scientific accomplishments of the candidates in detail must be received by February 15, 1994.

Submit to:

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Neurogenetics Laboratory
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**26th Annual Meeting of the
European Society of Human Genetics
Scientific Programme**

International Conference Centre, Paris, France
Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie de la Villette,
June 2-5, 1994

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Wednesday, June 1, 1994

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| 14.00 | Registration |
| 15.00-17.30 | ESHG board meeting |
| 17.30-18.30 | Opening ceremony |
| 18.30-19.00 | Lecture by the recipient of the Mauro Baschirotto Award |
| 19.00-20.00 | Get-together on site |

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Thursday, June 2, 1994

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| • Morning | Plenary session (in common with IGES) |
| | Title: Genetics and Cardiovascular Diseases |
| 9.00 | The ACE Gene Polymorphism and Myocardial Infarction François Cambien, Paris, France |
| 9.30 | Renin-Angiotensin System Genes in Cardiovascular Diseases Florent Soubrier, Paris, France |
| 10.00 | Genetic Variation in Serum Lipoproteins and Cardiovascular Disease Kare Berg, Oslo, Norway |
| 10.30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.00 | Animal Models for Genetic Studies of Cardiovascular Disease Mark Lathrop, Paris / Oxford, UK |
| 11.30-12.30 | Selected oral presentations on the theme |
| 12.30 | Medicalization of Genetic Variation Marcus Pembrey, London, UK |
| 13.00-14.00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| • Afternoon | |
| 14.00-17.00 | Poster session |
| 17.00-20.00 | Two concurrent sessions |
| | Session A: Molecular Imaging in Human Genetics |
| 17.00 | Analysis of DNA Methylation by in situ and Molecular Methods Evani Pequignot, Paris, France |
| 17.30 | New Developments in Multicolor FISH and Ultra-High-Resolution Mapping A.K. Raap, Leiden, The Netherlands |

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| 18.00 | Detection of Chromosomal Aberrations in Hematological Malignancies and Solid Tumors by Comparative Genomic Hybridization Peter Lichter, Heidelberg, FRG |
| 18.30 | Probing the Functional Organization of Genes and Their RNAs within the Nucleus Jeanne B. Lawrence, Worcester, USA |
| 19.00–20.00 | Selected oral presentations on the theme |
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| Session B: Databases in Human Genetics | |
| 17.00 | Genome Informatics: Developments and Resources in Europe Otto Ritter, DKFZ, Heidelberg, FRG |
| 17.30 | An Informatic Model of Pedigree Analysis Steve Bryant, ICRF, South Mimms, UK |
| 18.00 | Sequence Databases at the European Bioinformatics Institute Graham Cameron, EMBL, Heidelberg, FRG / EBI, Cambridge, UK |
| 18.30 | Computing at the HGMP Resource Centre Martin Bishop, HGMP, London, UK |
| 19.00 | Genomic Database ACEDB Jean Thierry-Mieg, CNRS/INSERM, Montpellier, France |
| 19.30 | Discussion |
| 20.00 | <i>Free evening</i> |

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Friday, June 3, 1994

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| ● Morning | Plenary session |
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| Title: Gene and Cell Therapy | |
| 9.00 | Gene Therapy for Genetic Metabolic Disorders Jean-Michel Heard, Paris, France |
| 9.30 | Synthetic Gene Transfer Vectors Jean-Paul Behr, Strasbourg, France |
| 10.00 | Selected oral presentations on the theme |
| 10.30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.00–12.30 | Selected oral presentations on the theme |
| 12.30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| ● Afternoon | Two concurrent sessions |
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| Session A: Developmental Genetics | |
| 14.00 | Pax Genes: From Drosophila Segmentation to Human Bones Rudi Balling, Freiburg, FRG |
| 14.30 | The Genetic Control of Vertebrate Limb Morphogenesis Denis Duboule, Heidelberg, FRG |

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| 15.00–15.30 | Selected oral presentations on the theme |
| 15.30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16.00–17.00 | Selected oral presentations on the theme |
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| Session B: Cancer Genetics | |
| 14.00 | Some New Data on Molecular Cytogenetics of Acute Leukemia Roland Berger, Paris, France |
| 14.30 | Transcription Networks Disrupted by Chromosome Translocations in Tumours Terry Rabbitts, Cambridge, UK |
| 15.00 | The Role of TP53 Germline and Somatic Mutation in Tumor Development Anne-Lise Børresen, Oslo, Norway |
| 15.30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16.00–17.00 | Selected oral presentations on the theme |
| 17.15–18.15 | ESHG General Assembly |
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| ● Evening | |
| 18.30–20.00 | Three concurrent workshops |
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| Workshop A: Clinical Dismorphology: Review and Discussion of Unique Cases or Very Rare Syndromes Coordinator: Diane Donnai, Manchester, UK | |
| 18.30–20.00 | Selected oral presentations |
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| Workshop B: Changing Trends in Prenatal Diagnosis Coordinator: Margareta Mikkelsen, Glostrup, Denmark | |
| 18.30–20.00 | Selected oral presentations |
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| Workshop C: Teaching, Education, Services in Genetics Coordinators: Marc Fellous and Jean-Claude Kaplan, Paris, France | |
| 18.30–20.00 | Lectures on the theme |

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Saturday, June 4, 1994

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| ● Morning | Plenary session |
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| Title: Genetics and Society | |
| 9.00 | The Future of Genetic Testing: The Role of the Private Laboratories Ann Merifield, USA |
| 9.30 | Heterozygote Screening for Cystic Fibrosis David Brock, Edinburgh, UK |
| 10.00 | Ethical and Legal Issues in Genetic Screening Noelle Lenoir, Paris, France |
| 10.30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |

11.00 Cost-Benefit Analysis in Human Genetics
Bernadette Modell, London, UK

11.30–12.30 Selected oral presentations in the theme

12.30–14.00 *Lunch*

● Afternoon Two concurrent sessions

Session A: **Clinical Genetics and
Dysmorphology**
14.00 From Dysmorphology to Developmental
Genetics
John Burn, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK

14.30–15.30 Selected communications on the theme

15.30 *Coffee break*

16.00–17.00 Selected communications on the theme

Session B: **General Session including Late
Breaking Science Session**
14.00–17.00 Selected communications

17.00–18.30 ESHG Board Meeting

20.00–23.00 *Official Dinner (Bateaux-Mouches)*

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Sunday, June 5, 1994

● Morning Plenary session

Title: **Human Genome Project**
9.30 Sequencing the Genome: Lessons from Yeast
Bernard Dujon, Paris, France
10.00 From Genetic Map to Physical Map
Jean Weissenbach, Paris, France
10.30 Positional Cloning
Andrea Ballabio, Houston, USA / Siena, Italy

11.00 *Coffee break*

11.30 DNA Sequencing by Hybridization to
Oligonucleotide Matrix
Andrei Mirzabekoff, Moscow, Russia

12.00 The Future for FISH
Malcolm Ferguson-Smith, Cambridge, UK

12.30 Awards to the best submitted presentations by
two young scientists

12.45 Closing remarks by the President of the
Society
Marcus Pembrey

13.00 End of the meeting

For information write to:
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F-75020 Paris (France)

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Satellite Meetings

- Satellite Meeting 'EC Concerted Action into Genetic Services in Europe'

Organizer: Prof. Rodney Harris
Department of Medical Genetics
St Mary's Hospital
Hathersage Road
Manchester M13 0JH (UK)
Fax: 44 61 248 83 08

Timing: Wednesday, June 1st, 1994,
from 9.00 to 15.00

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Prof. Rodney Harris

- Satellite Meeting 'European Collaborative Research on Mosaicism in CVS: Controversial Results in Prenatal Diagnosis'

Organizer: Dr. Lars O. Vejerslev
The John F. Kennedy Institute
GL Landevej 7
DK-2600 Glostrup (Denmark)
Fax: 45 43 43 11 30

Timing: Wednesday, June 1st, 1994,
from 12.00 to 14.00

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Dr. Lars O. Vejerslev

- Satellite Meeting 'FISH in Practice'

Organizer: Prof. Michel Vekemans
Laboratoire d'Histologie – Tour Pasteur
Hôpital Necker-Enfants Malades
149, rue de Sèvres
F-75743 Paris Cedex 15 (France)

Timing: Wednesday, June 1st, 1994,
from 14.00 to 17.00

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