

Invitation from the Organizing Committee

We are delighted to invite you to attend the 10th Annual meeting of the Belgian Society of Human Genetics, which will take place in Ghent on Friday February 26th, 2010. The committee has created a balanced and attractive program with broad coverage of the current progress and controversies in our knowledge of the Human Genome. The extensive program provides a balance between opportunities for education and presentation of the latest developments in the field, both at the clinical and molecular level.

Session topics are outlined inside this brochure. A limited number of abstracts will be selected for platform presentations. The meeting also includes a poster session.

Our objective is to create a forum where a wide scope of specialities including nurses, genetic counsellors, clinical geneticists, molecular biologists involved in human genetics can interact and debate about their field of interest. We look forward to your participation and invite you to enjoy the meeting in Ghent with us.

Joris Vermeesch, President

Important dates

December 25, 2009 – Abstract deadline

January 15, 2010 – Registration deadline

February 26, 2010 – Meeting



<http://www.gent.be/>

Venue

ICC Ghent - www.iccghent.com

International Convention Center Ghent
Citadelpark - Ghent

BY TRAIN

ICC Ghent is just a 10 minute walk from the train station Gent-Sint-Pieters.

BY CAR

FROM ANTWERP / KORTRIJK

Follow the E17 in the direction of Ghent and take the Gent-Centrum exit.

After the Gent-Centrum exit, keep to the right (down alongside the viaduct, follow 'alle richtingen'). Then get into the left-hand lane before the traffic lights.

At the traffic lights, turn left under the bridge onto Sint-Lievenslaan.

At the second traffic lights, double junction, follow through to the left for Oudenaarde.

Keep the Museum of Fine Arts on your left and SMAK on your right.

About 50 meters down, beyond the bend, you will find the ICC Ghent (Hofbouwlaan) on the right-hand side.

FROM BRUSSELS / OSTEND

Follow the E40 in the direction of Ghent. Then turn onto the E17 Antwerp-Ghent.

PARKING

The ICC Ghent has its own (limited) underground car park. Car park Sint-Pieters is at a 10min walk (Sint-Pietersplein).



**Belgian Society
of Human Genetics**

10th Annual Meeting

**The Dark Side of the
Human Genome**

Friday February 26th, 2010

Ghent, Belgium



Provisional Program

8:30-9:15: Registration (coffee & croissants)

9:15-9:30: Welcome and Introduction

9:30- 11:00 Morning Session

Marjolijn Ligtenberg

Marcel Dinger

George Calin

11:00-11:30: Coffee Break

11:30-12:30: Selected Oral Presentations I

12:30-13:15: General Assembly

13:15-14:30: Lunch + Poster Session

14:30-15:30: Selected Oral Presentations II

15:30-16:00: Coffee Break

16:00-17:30 Afternoon Session

Stanislas Lyonnet

Reinhard Ullmann

David Valle

17:30-17:45: Conclusions and Summary

17:45-18:30: Reception and Prizes

For the most recent program overview go to
<http://www.beshg.be/>

Invited Speakers

The Dark Side of the Human Genome

Hereditary mosaic gene inactivation
by promoter methylation

Marjolijn Ligtenberg

*Department of Human Genetics
Nijmegen, The Netherlands*

Long non-coding RNAs:
Implications on Genetics and Disease

Marcel Dinger

*Institute for Molecular Bioscience
Brisbane, Australia*

Non-coding RNAs in cancer:
from benchside to bedside

George Calin

*MD Anderson Cancer Center
Houston, USA*

Non-coding genome and diseases:
insights from neural crest malformations

Stanislas Lyonnet

*INSERM UMR_S 781
Paris, France*

Identification of disease associated
mutations by sequence capture and
massively parallel sequencing

Reinhard Ullmann

*Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics
Berlin, Germany*

Individualized Medicine: Challenges and
Opportunities

David Valle

*Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Baltimore, USA*

Registration

Please register through the website
(www.beshg.be), registration fee is € 30 and
includes lunch, coffee breaks and closing
reception.

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Submission

Abstract receipt **deadline** for electronic
submission is **Friday December 25th,
2009**. For online abstract submission, go
directly to <http://www.beshg.be>

Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts must be written in English. The
abstract should be a maximum of 250 words
(including titles) and should include a sec-
tion for objectives, methods, results and
conclusions. There is no limit to the number
of abstracts a presenter can submit, but the
scientific committee will preferentially se-
lect junior presenters (<35 years) and ex-
pects that all abstracts selected will be pre-
sented by the first author either as platform
presentation or poster. All authors will re-
ceive pertinent communication by email be-
fore January 15th, 2010.

Any questions or inquiries should be ad-
dressed to the Abstract Coordinator via
email: beshg@medgen.gent.be