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Dear colleagues, dear friends,***BeSHG annual meeting:***

The 7th BeSHG annual meeting will be organized at the exceptional and historic site of Bois du Cazier, by IPG (Institut de Pathologie et de Génétique asbl) on **Friday, the 20th of April 2007**. The theme is **Muscle, Brain and Sex**, and the exciting final program is available on the BeSHG web-site and in this newsletter. Ten abstracts have been selected for oral presentations by young investigators and another 80 abstracts will be presented as posters. In addition, +/-20 companies are sponsoring the event by having a representative to distribute and display information on their newest developments at the meeting. Ample time for visiting these booths, as well as for poster viewing and discussion, has been scheduled during lunchtime. Everything points to this meeting being again an exciting and successful event for genetics in Belgium. The BeSHG general assembly will take place at 12.30-13.15.

Practical information regarding the meeting will be available and updated on the BeSHG web-site (www.beshg.be). The registration fee is 30EUR including the annual membership fee. Please specify in the "communication" of your banktransfer whether you are paying for "registration & membership 2007" or "membership 2007" only. Those who are not members should mark "registration 2007" only. **Please make your registration and payment as soon as possible, and by 30th of March the latest.** This will help enormously the practical organization of the meeting. If your unit/department/centre wants to make a grouped payment, please send a separate clear list of what the grouped payment consists of (all names and corresponding communications) to the BeSHG treasurer (Sara.seneca@UZbrussel.be).

BeSHG participation at the BSP annual meeting 23/3/2007:

The Belgian Society of Pediatrics organizes its annual meeting on **Friday 23/3/2007 at the Sheraton hotel in Brussels**. A morning session on Genetics is organized together with BeSHG. All BeSHG members have a free access to this session (normal daily registration fee is 90€). For free access, you need to give your name at the registration desk, and it will be cross-checked from the BeSHG membership list. You can find the program of the meeting at the end of this newsletter.

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BeSHG web-site:

Due to the clear necessity to inform colleagues of forthcoming PhD thesis defenses and seminars of general interest for geneticist in Belgium, a space for such announcements will be made on the BeSHG web-site (www.beshg.be). Do not forget that we have also a dedicated page for job announcements! We will also make a new page for links to web-pages of Belgian Patient Organizations; first 2 to be linked are F.A.P.A (<http://www.belgianfapa.be/>) & BOKS (<http://www.boks.be/site/>). If you know of other patient organizations, who would be interested to have their web-pages linked to the BeSHG web-site, please let us know (vikkula@bchm.ucl.ac.be). Hopefully these pages will be helpful for distributing information, searching candidates for open jobs, orienting patients and increasing collaborations.

Announcements:**New web-site for information on rare diseases: E-rare:**

<http://asso.orpha.net/ERANET/cgi-bin/index.php>

E-Rare (ERA-Net for research programs on rare diseases) is a network of nine partners – public bodies, ministries and research management organisations from eight countries – responsible for the development and management of national/regional research programs on rare diseases. E-Rare is supported by the European Commission under the Sixth Framework Program ERA-Net scheme for a 4-year period (starting June 1st 2006).

PhD thesis defense:

Jan Hellemans

kindly invites you to the public defence of his doctoral thesis

***Identification and analysis of genes involved in skeletal dysplasias
affecting growth and bone homeostasis***

The defence will take place on Friday March 23rd 2007 at 16.30h
in Auditorium C, University Hospital Ghent, De Pintelaan 185, 9000 Gent
After the defence you are invited for a reception in the Faculteitszaal

Please confirm your attendance by e-mail (Jan.Hellemans@UGent.be) or telephonic (+32 9 240 55 35) before March 16th

Position:

The university Hospital of the Dutch-speaking Brussels Free University (Universitair Ziekenhuis Brussel - Vrije Universiteit Brussel) wishes to take on a **Scientific collaborator (m/f)** for the Centre for Medical Genetics / PGD Clinic

For more information, see www.beshg.be and/or contact: **Personeelsdienst** ; Carol De Bleecker, E-mail : Carol.DeBleecker@uzbrussel.be, Tel. 02 477 55 78, Fax 02 477 55 66.

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Belgian Society of Pediatrics
JOINT MEETING

Annual Meeting

Date: 23^d of March 2007

09h00 to 12 h30 AM



BeSPGHAN

Belgian Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology Hepatology
and Nutrition

and



BeSHG

Belgian Society of Human Genetics

Location: Sheraton hotel, Brussels downtown

Room: [PERMEKE](#)

Moderators: Dr B. Hauser and Dr Y. Sznajer

09h – 09h30

Pr M Abramowicz (ULB) « Some Methods in Medical Genetics »

09h30 – 10h

Dr B Loeys (UZ Gent) « Failure to thrive and genetic diseases »

10h – 10h30

Dr J L Gala (UCL) «Pharmacogenetics and drugs for GI diseases »

10 h 30 - 11 h00

11h – 11h30

Dr A Vogels (KUL) «Feeding problems in children with the Prader-Willi Syndrome »

11 h30 – 12h

Pr A Verloes (Hôpital Robert Debré and INSERM U9935 Paris) «Digestive diseases and genetics »

12h – 12h15

Pr M Vikkula, Dr M Scaillon and Panel Experts
« Multidisciplinary Approach, Interaction and Specific Roles »
(Parents- Paediatricians- Geneticists)

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Yours faithfully,

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