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Dear colleagues, dear friends,

The 6th BeSHG meeting (Antwerp) is approaching

Abstracts & Registration:

The 6th BeSHG meeting will be held in Antwerp on **Friday the 17th of February 2006**. The theme is *New Developments in Genetics*. The local organizing committee has been working hard and everything is ready for an excellent meeting with a timely and exciting scientific program. Ninety abstracts were submitted (thank you !), and ten of them were selected by the board for an oral presentation by a young investigator. All those who submitted an abstract should have received an acceptance note by e-mail stating whether their abstract was accepted for a poster or an oral presentation. A poster evaluation by all meeting participants is again organized, and the **best poster award** will be given. Almost 200 registrations have so far been made, and you can still register via the BeSHG web-site at www.beshg.be. All pertinent information, for example the detailed program and how to get to the meeting site, can be found on the BeSHG web-pages.

Reception:

An after-program reception, giving an additional possibility for get-together, will be held at 17.30-18.15.

General Assembly

will take place in **Antwerp, on Friday 17th of February 2006 at 12.15-13.30**. Working groups will report, four board members will be elected, and revised statutes and internal rules will be discussed.

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Future BeSHG meetings:

The 2007 meeting will be held in Loverval, and Leuven has offered to host the 2008 meeting. Applications for hosting the 2009 meeting are welcome and can be submitted to the president of the society **until 31/12/2006**. Decision on 2008 host will be made during the general assembly in Antwerp.

Announcements:

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2nd International Meeting on Cryptic Chromosomal Rearrangements in
Mental Retardation and Autism
April 7–8, 2006, Troina (EN), Italy

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ESHG
European Human Genetics Conference 2006
Amsterdam, May 6–9, 2006
<http://www.eshg.org/eshg2006/>

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ICHG
11th International Congress of Human Genetics
August 6–10, 2006, Brisbane, Australia
<http://www.ichg2006.com/>

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ASHG
American Society of Human Genetics 56th Annual Meeting
October 9–13, 2006, New Orleans, Louisiana,
<http://genetics.faseb.org/genetics/ashg/menu-annmeet.shtml>

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The European Genetics Foundation 2006:

Spring courses of the European School of Genetic Medicine
Bertinoro di Romagna (Italy):

12th-16th March, 2006:

1st Course in Microbial Bioremediation and Environmental Genomics
<http://www.eurogene.org:8080/body.php?t=1&l=l&p=pages/train/courses/crsprogr.php&r=71>

19th-23th March, 2006:

6th Course in Bioinformatics
<http://www.eurogene.org:8080/body.php?t=1&l=l&p=pages/train/courses/crsprogr.php&r=72>

26th April -2nd May, 2006:

19th Course in Medical Genetics
<http://www.eurogene.org:8080/body.php?t=1&l=l&p=pages/train/courses/crsprogr.php&r=74>

3rd-5th May, 2006:
2nd Course in Statistic Genetic Analysis of Complex Phenotypes

More information under : « Training activities »

<http://www.eurogene.org>

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Research Seminar on the Occasion of the
Conferment of the Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa

Prof. Mary-Claire King

Department of Genome Sciences, University
of Washington, Seattle, USA

**Genomic Analysis of
Inherited Breast Cancer**

Venue

Lecture Hall GA3
Gasthuisberg O&N1, Leuven

Date

February 3, 2006 at 2.30PM

Information: Sonja.Heymans@med.kuleuven.be



CMGG Invited Seminars January - June 2006



January 24	Dr. Kristel Van Steen
"Genomic Screening Methodology for Common Diseases and Complex Traits"	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Dr. Kristel Van Steen</i> Ghent University, Belgium
auditorium E	
U Z G E N T De Pintelaan 185, 9000 Gent	
Contact: Dr. Bart Loeys, Bart.Loeys@UGent.be, 09 2406343	
February 28	Prof. Reiner Veitia
"Alanine Repeats in Evolution and Disease"	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Prof. Reiner Veitia</i> Génétique-Génomique, U709 INSERM, Université Paris VII, Paris, France
auditorium E	
U Z G E N T De Pintelaan 185, 9000 Gent	
Contact: Dr. Elfride De Baere, Elfride.DeBaere@UGent.be, 09 2405186	
March 28	Prof. Bart De Strooper
"Molecular Pathogenesis of Alzheimer's Disease"	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Prof. Bart De Strooper</i> Neuronal Cell Biology and Gene Transfer, Dept. of Human Genetics, VIB-KUL, Leuven, Belgium
auditorium E	
U Z G E N T De Pintelaan 185, 9000 Gent	
Contact: Dr. Elfride De Baere, Elfride.DeBaere@UGent.be, 09 2405186	
April 25	Prof. Claude Libert
"Endotoxemia and Sepsis in Mice: Role of IFN β and MMPs"	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Prof. Claude Libert</i> VIB - Ghent University, Belgium
auditorium E	
U Z G E N T De Pintelaan 185, 9000 Gent	
Contact: Dr. Bart Loeys, Bart.Loeys@UGent.be, 09 2406343	
May 30	Dr. Roderick Beijersbergen
"The RNAi Strategy: from Genomes to Gene-specific Therapeutics"	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Dr. Roderick Beijersbergen</i> The Netherlands Cancer Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
auditorium E	
U Z G E N T De Pintelaan 185, 9000 Gent	
Contact: Dr. ir. Jo Vandesompele, Joke.Vandesompele@UGent.be, 09 2405187	
June 27	Prof. Miikka Vikkula
"Genetic Causes of Vascular Malformations"	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Prof. Miikka Vikkula</i> Laboratory of Human Molecular Genetics, Christian de Duve Institute of Cellular Pathology, Brussels, Belgium
auditorium E	
U Z G E N T De Pintelaan 185, 9000 Gent	
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Road description

Auditorium E (building 'blok B') can be found at <http://www.uzgent.be/uzplan/default.cfm?nav=BB>

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Looking forward to seeing you all in Antwerp on 17th of February 2006 !

Yours faithfully,

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