



The European Society of Human Genetics

is a non-profit organization. Its aims are to promote research in basic and applied human and medical genetics, to ensure high standards in clinical practice and to facilitate contacts between all persons who share these aims, particularly those working in Europe. The Society will encourage and seek to integrate research and its translation into clinical benefits and professional and public education in all areas of human genetics.

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ESHG 2012 in the Editorial of Nature Genetics 10.Sep.2012

Can we all just get along?
Nature Genetics 44, 833 (2012) doi:10.1038/ng.2374
Published online 27 July 2012

Familiarity with developments in all areas of genetics—from the trained intuition of dysmorphology to algorithms for SNP calling in next-generation sequencing—is extraordinarily productive in research and clinical translation. Actively organized conferences modeled on the recent European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG) meeting in Nuremberg go a long way in preparing the field for future success.

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Press release - ESHG condemns use of testing to establish 'racial purity' 14.Jun.2012

The use of genetic testing to establish racial origins for political purposes is not only scientifically foolish, but also unethical and should be condemned, the European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG) said today. The society, which promotes research in basic and applied human and medical genetics and ensures high standards in clinical genetic practice, said that the use by a member of parliament from the Hungarian far-right Jobbik party of a genetic test to attempt to prove his 'ethnic purity', was ethically unacceptable.

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DNA Day 2012 - The Winners Have been selected 19.Apr.2012

Our DNA Day videos include presentations by two ESHG geneticists, Marjolein, Kriek and Jon Frampton, after which the winners of the essay contest are announced!

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Getting the Genetic Drift... 13.Apr.2012

An invited article written by Helena Kääräinen and Jörg Schmidtke for the European Union Public Service Review.

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Newborn Screening in Europe - Expert Opinion Document 02.Oct.2011

[Download](#) the final version as pdf.

Clinical/medical genetics officially recognised as an EU-wide specialty! 16.May.2011

On March 3rd, 2011 the Commission adopted Regulation (EU) No 213/2011 amending Annexes II and V to Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications. This administrative act implies that the **clinical / medical genetics specialty** is **officially recognised as an EU-wide specialty** and **this regulation** came into force the following day! This regulation is also relevant for the **EEA countries** and will be important in the near future for many EU-Accession countries, thereby potentially reaching a European-wide relevance.

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Official Responses to the Consultation Paper by DG Internal Market and Services on the Professional Qualifications Directive 22.Mar.2011

- [Official Response of the ESHG](#)
- [Official Response of the Ad Hoc Genetic Nurse and Counsellor Accreditation Committee of the ESHG](#)
- [Dutch Society of Clinical Genetic Diagnostic Laboratories](#)

Publication: Genetic testing and common disorders in a public health framework 16.Feb.2011

The Public and Professional Policy Committee (PPPC) of the European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG), EuroGentest and the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS) have published recommendations on genetic testing and common disorders in a public health framework.

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