

COLLABORATION between ESHG and NHGSs

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Statutes Article 2. Aims

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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Human geneticists working in Europe



Currently 1141 members



NHGSs : National
Human Genetics
Societies
(about 10.000 members of
NHGSs, 12.6.2007)



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ESHG fellowships

- For the participation to the annual Human Genetics Conference on proposal of the NHGSs (**first year**)
- For young geneticists to participate to the Conference, based on presentation
- For short term training in Europe **NEW**
- For participation in the EGF courses



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ESHG Courses **NEW**

- Regional : on NHGS proposal to the ESHG (EC)
- European : on individual proposal to the ESHG (EC)



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DNA Day contest **NEW**

- For high school students participation through the NHGSs
- A prize to the student and a prize to his/her teachers to organize a science project or to purchase classroom equipment



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Some ESHG documents available
(**technical, social, legal, ethical, aspects**)

Provision of **genetic services** in Europe
Population genetics **screening** programs
Data storage and **DNA banking**
Genetic information and **insurance**
Assisted reproduction technology
Pharmacogenetics
Patenting and licencing in genetic testing



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Issues arising

Activities ESHG-NHGSs (JJ Cassiman)

Gene **patents** (G Matthijs)

Susceptibility screening (M Cornel)

EU **specialization** recognition (J Burn)

Genetic **nurses** and counsellors (H Skirton)

Courses organization (D Coviello)



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