



Update from Educomm

Inga Prokopenko June 2024

Updates

The committee - 18 members

- Outgoing members: Bill Newman, Ana Raquel Silva, Sofia Douzgou Houge

New members 2023 focussed on international links

- Edith Coonen, Liz Loehrer, Carmen Navas

New members 2024 – 16 applications

- Four new members

Alisdair McNeil, Julia Baptista, Eka Kvaratskhelia, Hans Christian Hennies



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ESHG Genetic Educational Materials and Sources (EuroGEMS)

For genetics professionals

This page provides information that is likely to be useful to professionals in clinical genetics/genomics e.g. information about individual clinical conditions (GeneReviews, OMIM and Orphanet), individual genetic variants (DECIPHER, LOVD, ClinVar, HGMD, VarSome, CanVar & VEP) and variant nomenclature (HGVS). Professionals are also likely to find sources that are listed on other pages here to be of relevance and interest, particularly the [Universities page](#) (including the genome browsers) and the [Ethical, Legal and Social Implications page](#). In addition, details and links to courses that are co-organised and/or supported by the ESHG can be found here.

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EuroGEMS (EuroGEMS.org) Ed Tobias

- The ESHG educational website has now been visited from 140 countries (still growing diversity).
- 4 languages
 - The new French (professionally translated) as well as Spanish, Portuguese pages of EuroGEMS continue to attract additional visitors.
- Associated free educational genomics terminology apps <https://www.genomicsapps.org> are added
- Educators from Canada, Japan, Singapore, India, and Egypt have praised its utility
- New language will be discussed on Monday, June 3rd
- Request for ongoing budget to support future translations + suggestions email Edward Tobias Edward.Tobias@glasgow.ac.uk

Person First Language (Ramona Moldovan)

- . The Workshop on Language at ESHG 2023 very successful and led to many conversations and collaborations
- . Paper 1: paper focused on the methodology used to assess person-first / identity-first language (Health Informatics Journal)
- . Paper 2: paper on the results and implications - ongoing

ESHG podcasts (Sofia Douzgou Hogue) “Genetic Sounds”

- Podcasts - 1 per month - good feedback- 3 series total 18 episodes
- Range topics and speakers engagement across all continents
 - multiple platforms, including Buzzsprout, Apple, and Spotify
- Increased exposure after “Live Event” at ESHG 2022
 - New “Live Event” at ESHG 2024 with three panellists confirmed
“Pharmacogenomics: the hype and the hope”
- Episode on language: Nichola Garde and Mariagnels Ferrer spoke to Teodora Manea (bioethics, medical interpreter), David Ross (rare disease advocate, Cowden syndrome), Zelpha DeSouza (genetic counsellor). The episode will be out later in a few days

DNA Day Essay (Christophe Cordier)

- 17th competition in 2024
- The topic was challenging the use of AI
- Winners: Essay – UK, video - Romania
- Largest ever competition:
 - 213 essays - 22 countries (Turkey, Albania, UK, Portugal)
 - 20 videos – 11 countries (Turkey, Italy, Portugal)

International Mentorship Scheme

Five successful candidates were selected in year 3:.

Attend ESHG conference and week in mentor centre

- Onda-Tabita Calugaru (Romania)
- Robert Field (Ireland)
- Anna Hovhannisyan (Armenia)
- Deivid Souza (Brazil)
- Ivan Tourtourikov (Bulgaria)

Winners are invited to meet the committee – plan to give awards at the plenary on Tuesday

Plan for program in 2025 - Budget €7.5k

International Observer Scheme

Five successful candidates were selected in this inaugural program.

Month in a different centre

- Teodora Barbarii (Romania)
- Maria Baroni (Italy)
- Daniela Bohme (Chile)
- Simon Jakovchevska (Macedonia)
- Hilal Saraçoğlu (Turkey)

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Plan for program in 2025 - Budget €10k

We are expanding our **OUTREACH**



ESHG EduComm International Relations

App Based course - Pediatric Neurogenetics

- Sponsored by Illumina
- Course content led by Nicola Brunetti Pieri (with Nadia Buisson and Kathleen Gorman)
- Collaboration with European Pediatric Neurology Society
- Accreditation
- 12 x 15 minute modules
- Monthly: ~750 channel visitors, 1600 visualizations, 80 tests taken, and 60 diplomas obtained for the three modules
- Meeting with Illumina - new engagement and App courses development

Courses

- New courses delivered
- Course in Morocco: Introduction à l'analyse de données massives génétiques, épigénomiques et transcriptomiques: initiation aux principes théoriques et ateliers pratiques
 - leader: N Bouatia-Naji, local organiser: Khalid Sidki (President of Moroccan association of human genomics and genetics: SM2GH)

22 attendees after selection of >100 applications; 4 countries of provenance - Morocco, Sénégal, Tunisia, Burkina Fasso
- Recent courses – Bertinoro, Clinical Genomics, cardiac genetics
- ESHG 2024 - 1/2 day pre-conference courses - NGS interpretation/variant classification – outstanding feedback

Local activities with school children

- Next year conference in Milan
- Previous conference in Milan was a success for involvement of local school children