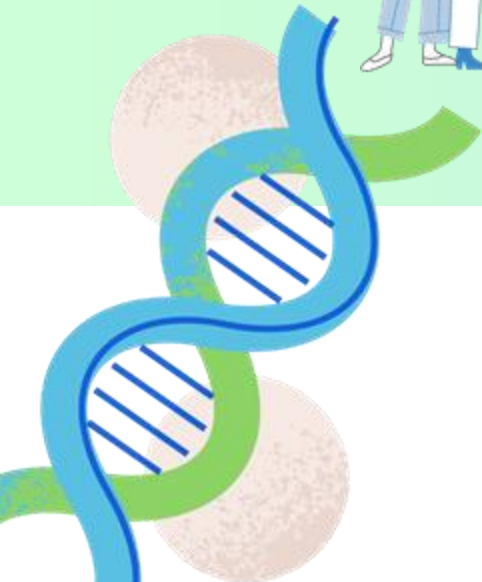


# *ESHG-Young*

***Our international outreach***

***Raquel Silva, Vice-Chair***



Welcome to the European Human Genetics Conference  
Hybrid Conference  
Milan, Italy  
**MAY 24–27, 2025**







## Our Mission

To represent and support the young European geneticists by developing strategies and programs that aim for a better education.

## Objectives

### Scientific events

- Scientific program of the annual ESHG conference
- Organizing different scientific events e.g. workshops, educational sessions, zoom meetings

### Equal access to opportunities

- Newsletters
- Social media channels
- Surveys
- Workshops
- International Young working group meetings

### ESHG-Y Network

- To increase the representation of young human geneticists from Europe in different scientific events and human genetic projects
- To develop collaborations with other medical genetic societies from all over the world.

### Young Leadership

- To support young geneticist leaders to become forces of change in their own national scientific community
- To participate in close collaboration with the ESHG in the elaboration of strategies and policies that will ensure the equal and harmonious development of the human genetic field in Europe.



# Delegation in SPC and changes 2025 onwards

- Mridul Johari (ESHG-Young Chair)
  - Term = 2022-2025
- Juliana Miranda Cerqueira (ESHG-Young Consultant)
  - Term = 2022-2026
- The year 2025 will mark Mridul's final year representing the ESHG-Young in the ESHG-SPC.
- Rita Barbosa-Matos was selected as the delegate to replace Mridul.
- A new ESHG-Young delegate will be selected next year to replace Juliana



# Ongoing relationships with ERN-Ithaca and EduComm

- Ana Raquel Silva (Vice-Chair) and Silvia Kalantari (Secretary) have enhanced our collaboration with **ERN-ITHACA**
  - participating in the scientific committee for the 2023 and 2024 Eurodysmorpho conferences;
  - attending the board meeting of the society in Bucharest (December 2024).
  - Eurodysmorpho, Vilnius (17-24 Sept 2025) will feature a new pre-conference session on risk calculation in clinical genetics, completely dedicated to young geneticists in training.
- Raquel and Rita Matos (Secretary) have also been involved in **EduComm**, improving educational outreach and promoting the ESHG Mentorship and Observership programs.



# Engagement with EBMG, PEC and EJHG

- Delegate of ESHG-Young in **EBMG** - Delia Sabau (Vice-Chair)
  - organising together with Professor Dr. Jonathan Berg and Dr Laura Polsler the annual Zoom meeting (5th Dec 2024) providing information and details about the European Certificate in Medical Genetics and Genomics .
- Delegate of ESHG-Young in **PEC** - Rhys Dore
  - Biannual meetings at the ESHG Conference and in Geneva while contributing to proposals and document reviews.
  - Plan for a survey young geneticists about their policy and ethics educational needs to inform relevant PEC sessions.
- Delegate of ESHG-Young in **EJHG** - Magdalena Mroczek and Delia Sabau



# Collaborations with AfSHG, ASHG and HGSA

- Signed an MoU with **AfSHG-YIF**;
- Magdalena Mroczek attended the 15th AfSHG Conference and 1st Ugandan Society meeting in February 2025;
- A cell disease models webinar with JAX Laboratories is being organized for 2025. This is the second collaborative webinar; first in 2024.
- Delia Sabau has a role within the **ASHG** Membership Engagement Committee, participating in ASHG 2024 Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.
- Mridul Johari is a research representative in the working committee of the Human Genetics Society of **Australasia** (Western Australia branch).



# Legacy events: Get2Gather and MatchMaking

- Get2Gether session **"Uniting European Young Initiatives in Human Genetics"** returns on Saturday, **May 24th at 12:15**, featuring representatives from Albania, Denmark, France, Italy, Portugal, Romania, and Turkey.
  - Organized by Silvia and Mathys Weber (Associate Member) with Mridul and Juliana from SPC,
  - the discussion will explore national genetics training systems, career opportunities, and future directions.
  - The team created an internal database of young geneticist societies across Europe, establishing a valuable resource for ongoing international collaboration within ESHG-Young.





*When?*

May 25 & 26  
(Sunday & Monday)  
12:15-13:15 CEST



*Where?*

Allianz MiCo  
ESHG-Young  
Booth #546  
(Hall 4)





## ESHG-Young social media team

- The ESHG-Young SM team (Rita Barbosa-Matos, Magdalena Mroczek, and Juliana Miranda Cerqueira) has promoted content for young geneticists while supporting ESHG initiatives highlighting professional development opportunities.
- Management of **Facebook**, **X**, **LinkedIn**, and **Bluesky** accounts and in charge of editing the **annual newsletter** covering our activities and new member elections.
- Nelson Martins joined as an associate member focusing on the newsletter and visuals, while Rita and Juliana continue serving on the ESHG Social Media Committee.



# Outgoing and incoming members and chair-elect

- **End of mandate** for Mridul Johari, Delia Sabau, and Raquel Silva, who have served since June 2021.
- **Four new members** have joined the board: Mathys Weber, Nelson Martins, Maria Francesca di Feo, Ewelina Bukowska-Olech
- The newly created **chair-elect position** allows for smoother transitions, with Silvia Kalantari appointed to serve as the Chair from June 2025.

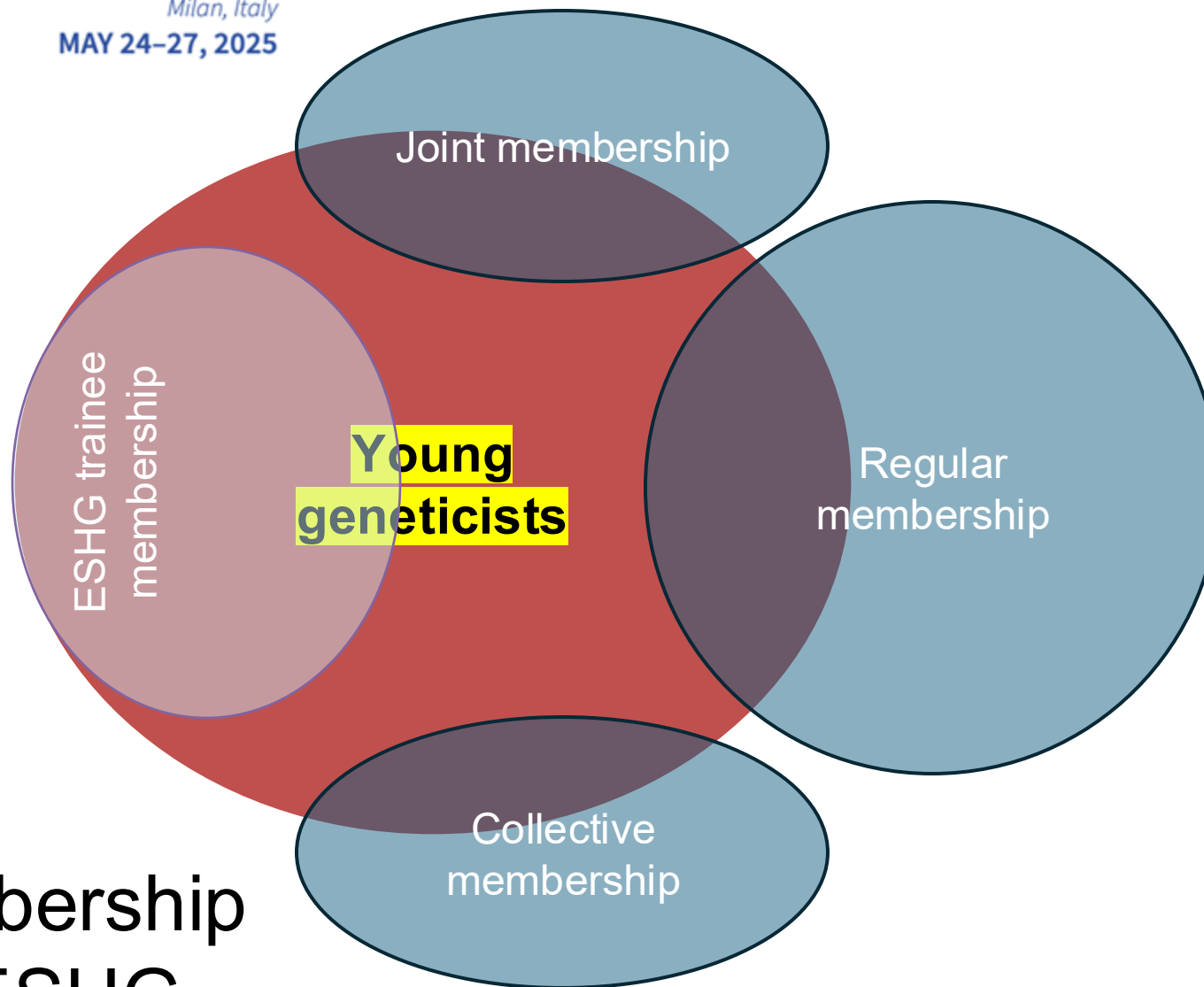
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# The definition of ESHG Trainee

- The **definition of “young”** has changed during the years (it used to be age-related): we now define that as people who are Bachelors, Masters, PhD students, undertaking post-graduate clinical training (i.e. resident doctors), or within 4 years since last post-graduate qualification. People **without a permanent position**. In line with the “Early career award” definition.
- Issues with official outreach to this specific subgroup of individuals: ESHG trainee tier does not necessarily include all people in training (and DOES not include people who recently completed their clinical training).





Different membership  
tiers within ESHG



# What should we do for the future?

- If we cannot have the list of the people represented within the ESHG, we cannot forward the newsletter/allow to participate in our networking dinner events/guarantee voting rights during elections.
- For **this year's elections** we have asked that candidates were either ESHG trainees' members or could provide evidence of being in training (still in training at the time of elections, since the mandate is for four years).

