

EUROPEAN SCHOOL OF GENETIC MEDICINE
EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF HUMAN GENETICS
BASIC AND ADVANCED COURSE IN GENETIC COUNSELLING

Bertinoro di Romagna (Italy), April 29 – May 6
Programme

Topics:

The course has been divided in two parts. The first part includes basic scientific information and clinical skills needed for genetic healthcare practice, including prenatal, cancer genetics, ethics and laboratory testing.

The second part will focus on the counselling and communication skills required by those working with patients and their families. All students will be encouraged to practice their counselling skills in a supportive environment and to give and receive feedback. The course will include some exercises and discussion sessions aimed at facilitating professional and personal self-awareness of students, in order to enhance their genetic counselling practice. The course will include sessions on supporting patients through decision-making, prenatal and presymptomatic testing.

Target:

Clinical geneticists, genetic counsellors, genetic nurses and trainees in those professions. Students who are new to genetic healthcare should not attempt Part 2 without first completing part 1. Very experienced genetics practitioners may wish to do Part 2 only.

Fees:

Registration fee **for the entire course** (1380,00 Euro) includes tuition, course material, transportation from Bologna airport to Bertinoro on April 29th/ back on May 6th, full board accommodation in double room to be shared with another participant from April 29th to May 6th (7 nights) at the University Residential Centre of Bertinoro or in hotels nearby the course venue.

Registration fee for **basic course** (970,00 Euro) includes tuition, course material, transportation from Bologna airport to Bertinoro on April 29th/ back on May 3th, full board accommodation in double room to be shared with another participant from April 29th to May 3th (4 nights) at the University Residential Centre of Bertinoro or in hotels nearby the course venue.

Registration fee for **advanced course** (970,00 Euro) includes tuition, course material, transportation from Bologna airport to Bertinoro on May 2nd / back on May 6th, full board accommodation in double room to be shared with another participant from May 2nd to 6th (4 nights) at the University Residential Centre of Bertinoro or in hotels nearby the course venue.

For info please write to: rpartisani@ceub.it.

Fellowships:

The European Society of Human Genetics offers fellowships covering the registration fee.

Applicants for fellowships should submit their request together with CV and a reference letter to esgm.fellowships@eshg.org ; serena.paterlini2@unibo.it and to rpartisani@ceub.it.

Deadline for sending application: March 24th , 2014 at 18.00 (Bruxelles Time)

COURSE PROGRAMME:

Directors:

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Faculty:

J. Baptista (Bologna, Italy)

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E. Razzaboni (Modena, Italy)

H. Skirton (Plymouth, UK)

M. Soller (Lund, Sweden)

A. Tibben (Leiden, The Netherlands)

D. Turchetti (Bologna, Italy)

Arrival: April, 29th

Wednesday, April 30th – BASIC

14.00 – 14.30	Introduction to the course F. Forzano
14.30 – 15.30	Setting the scene – aims, process and outcomes of genetic counselling C. Patch
15.30 – 16.30	Inheritance models and risk assessment M. Soller
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee Break
17.00 – 18.00	Prenatal diagnosis: scenarios and issues M. Soller
18.00 – 18.30	Discussion

Thursday, May 1st – BASIC

Morning Session

9.00 – 10.00	Molecular analysis: old and new diagnostic tools M. Iascone
10.00- 11.00	Cytogenetics: current status and future perspectives J. Baptista
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	Genetics of intellectual disability F. Forzano
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break

Afternoon Session:

14.00 – 15.30	Concurrent Workshops
17.00 -18.00	Coffee Break
18.00 – 18.30	Concurrent Workshops

Friday, May 2nd – BASIC

Morning Session

9.00 - 10.00	Basic concepts on dysmorphology F. Forzano
10.00 – 11.00	Cancer genetics: scenarios and issues D. Turchetti
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	Practical ethics - consent, confidentiality and disclosure C. Patch
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break

Afternoon Session:

14.00 – 15.30	Concurrent Workshops
17.00 -18.00	Coffee Break
18.00 – 18.30	Concurrent Workshops

Saturday, May 3rd – CROSSOVER

Morning Session

9.00 – 10.00	The genomic era: hypes, hopes and practice C. Janssens
10.00 – 11.00	Counselling for predictive testing A. Tibben
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 - 12.30	Psychological issues in antenatal screening and testing H. Skirton
12:30 - 13.30	Lunch Break

Afternoon Session:

- 13.30 – 14.00 Why do we need counselling skills?
E. Razzaboni
- 14.00 – 16.00 Revision of basic Rogerian counselling skills
H. Skirton

Sunday, May 4th – ADVANCED

Morning Session:

- 9.00 – 11.00 Using Transactional Analysis in genetic counselling practice – theory and practice using scenarios
H. Skirton
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 Genetic screening and testing in children
A. Tibben
- 12.30 – 13.30 **Lunch break**

Afternoon Session:

- 13.30 – 15.00 Discussion of difficult cases brought by students
All faculty
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 – 17.00 What are my professional qualities and pitfalls?
A. Tibben

Monday, May 5th – ADVANCED

Morning Session:

- 9.00 – 11.00 Grief and loss issues – theory and personal awareness
H. Skirton
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 – 13.30 Counselling skills practice using scenarios

All faculty

13.30 – 14.30 **Lunch break**

Afternoon Session:

14.30 –15.30 The Counsellor end: self-awareness tools, occupational stress and burnout syndrome
E. Razzaboni

15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00 –17.00 Using supervision effectively
A. Tibben & E. Razzaboni

Tuesday, May 6th – ADVANCED

Morning Session:

9.00 – 10.00 Discussing difficult issues with clients
H. Skirton

10.00 – 11.00 Skills practice
H. Skirton

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 12.30 Family dynamics
A. Tibben

12.30 – 13.30 Evaluation and feedback

13.30 Lunch and home