

## Invitation from the Organizing Committee

We are delighted to invite you to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of the Belgian Society of Human Genetics, which will take place in Ghent on Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The committee has created a balanced and attractive program with broad coverage of the current progress and controversies in our knowledge of the Human Genome. The extensive program provides a balance between opportunities for education and presentation of the latest developments in the field, both at the clinical and molecular level.

Session topics are outlined inside this brochure. A limited number of abstracts will be selected for platform presentations. The meeting also includes a poster session.

Our objective is to create a forum where a wide scope of specialities including nurses, genetic counsellors, clinical geneticists, molecular biologists involved in human genetics can interact and debate about their field of interest. We look forward to your participation and invite you to enjoy the meeting in Ghent with us.

Joris Vermeesch, President

## Important dates

December 25, 2009 – Abstract deadline

January 15, 2010 – Registration deadline

February 26, 2010 – Meeting



<http://www.gent.be/>

## Venue

### ICC Ghent - [www.iccghent.com](http://www.iccghent.com)

International Convention Center Ghent  
Citadelpark - Ghent

#### BY TRAIN

ICC Ghent is just a 10 minute walk from the train station Gent-Sint-Pieters.

#### BY CAR

FROM ANTWERP / KORTRIJK

Follow the E17 in the direction of Ghent and take the Gent-Centrum exit.

After the Gent-Centrum exit, keep to the right (down alongside the viaduct, follow 'alle richtingen'). Then get into the left-hand lane before the traffic lights.

At the traffic lights, turn left under the bridge onto Sint-Lievenslaan.

At the second traffic lights, double junction, follow through to the left for Oudenaarde.

Keep the Museum of Fine Arts on your left and SMAK on your right.

About 50 meters down, beyond the bend, you will find the ICC Ghent (Hofbouwlaan) on the right-hand side.

FROM BRUSSELS / OSTEND

Follow the E40 in the direction of Ghent. Then turn onto the E17 Antwerp-Ghent.

#### PARKING

The ICC Ghent has its own underground car park.



**Belgian Society  
of Human Genetics**

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**The Dark Side of the  
Human Genome**

**Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

**Ghent, Belgium**



## Provisional Program

**8:30-9:15:** Registration (coffee & croissants)

**9:15-9:30:** Welcome and Introduction

**9:30- 11:00** Morning Session

Non coding long RNAs

**Marcel Dinger**

miRNAs in cancer

**George Calin**

Somatic methylation

**Marjolijn Ligtenberg**

**11:00-11:30:** Coffee

**11:30-12:30:** Selected Oral Presentations I

**12:30-13:15:** General Assembly

**13:15-14:30:** Posters with Walking Lunch

**14:30-15:30:** Selected Oral Presentations II

**15:30-16:00:** Coffee

**16:00-17:30** Afternoon Session

Personalized Medicine

**David Valle**

Non-coding genome and diseases:

insights from neural crest malformations

**Stanislas Lyonnet**

Next Generation Sequencing in human genetics

*speaker to be confirmed*

**17:30-17:45:** Conclusions and Summary

**17:45-18:30:** Reception and Prizes

For the most recent program overview go to <http://www.beshg.be/>

## Invited Speakers

### “The dark side of the human genome”

Non coding long RNAs

**Marcel Dinger**

Institute for Molecular Bioscience, Queensland, Australia

miRNAs in cancer

**George Calin**

MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, USA

Somatic methylation

**Marjolijn Ligtenberg**

Department of Human Genetics, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Personalized Medicine

**David Valle**

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, USA

Non-coding genome and diseases: insights from neural crest malformations

**Stanislas Lyonnet**

INSERM UMR\_S 781, Paris, France

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## Registration

Please register through the website ([www.beshg.be](http://www.beshg.be)), registration fee is € 30 and includes lunch, coffee breaks and closing reception.

## Call for Abstracts

### Abstract Submission

Abstract receipt **deadline** for electronic submission is **Friday December 25th, 2009**. For online abstract submission, go directly to <http://www.beshg.be>

### Abstract Guidelines

Abstracts must be written in English. The abstract should be a maximum of 250 words (including titles) and should include a section for objectives, methods, results and conclusions. There is no limit to the number of abstracts a presenter can submit, but the scientific committee will preferentially select junior presenters (<35 years) and expects that all abstracts selected will be presented by the first author either as platform presentation or poster. All authors will receive pertinent communication by email before January 15th, 2010.

Any questions or inquiries should be addressed to the Abstract Coordinator via email: [beshg@medgen.gent.be](mailto:beshg@medgen.gent.be)