Policy Engagement Session at EGN Conference 2009

Organised in collaboration with the Society for Genomics Policy and Population Health (SGPPH)

Timing:

Scheduled in the afternoon of the 8th October (2nd day of conference), 2:15pm – 4pm.

Title:

Genomics: Translation into public health policy

Objective:

The aim of this session is to provide an opportunity for speakers and conference participants to engage in dialogue around public health implications of genomic medicine for common complex disease.

The session will involve short talks from experts in the field, highlighting the main issues and policy challenges to encourage debate and discussion amongst participants.

These discussions are timely and relevant, especially in light of the recent publication of the House of Lords report on Genomic Medicine, which states: "If our recommendations are taken forward, we believe that the UK will benefit in terms both of wealth generation and of improved health of the population."

Consideration of different aspects of genomics medicine, particularly those relating to the translation of knowledge into practice highlights challenges to all those concerned with developments in this area of science and technology.

Format of session:

Chair: Layla Jadar, President of the Society for Genomics Policy and Population Health, will give a 10 minute introduction

Speakers (each speaking for 20 mins, including time for clarifying questions):

- Dr. Jane Wilkinson, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales
- Dr. Berwyn Clarke, Chief Scientific and Development Officer Lab21
- Alison Hall, Project Manager (Law and Policy), Foundation for Genomics and Population Health, who will outline the work of the Foundation for Genomics and Population Health and talk about the relevance of genomics to public health policy.

Panel discussion session: approx. 35 mins (for further questions and discussion)