Wednesday, 4 October

12:30-13:50  Registration with lunch

13:50-14:00  Welcome and Introduction  
Anna Middleton  
Wellcome Genome Campus, UK

14:00-15:00  Keynote Lecture 1: Empirical underpinnings of genetic counselling: where have we come from and where are we now?  
What is genetic counselling trying to achieve and are we any good at it?  
Bob Resta  
Swedish Medical Centre, USA

15:00-16:00  Session 1: The public: Understanding of genomics – before becoming a patient  
Chair: Christine Patch

15:00  Socialising the genome – how to make genomics resonate for the public  
Anna Middleton  
Wellcome Genome Campus, UK

15:30  Genomics in society – attitudes of the public to personal genomics  
Sylvia Metcalfe  
MCRI & University of Melbourne, Australia

16:00-16:30  Afternoon Tea

16:30-17:45  Session 2: Becoming a patient: the first conversations about genomics  
Chair: Clara Gaff

16:30  Approaches to, and limits of, consent, when clinical care and research are combined  
Sandi Dheensa  
CELS, University of Southampton, UK

17:00  Parents perspectives on whole genome sequencing for their children: qualified enthusiasm?  
Robin Hayeems  
The Hospital for Sick Children Research Institute, Canada
Thursday, 5 October

09:00-10:30  **Session 3: Counselling under scrutiny**  
Chair: Tara Clancy

09:00  Adapting evidence based strategies for effective communication in cancer genetic counseling  
Robin Lee  
*University of California, San Francisco, USA*

09:30  The ‘counselling’ in genetic counselling: empirical evidence  
Tina-Marie Wessles  
*University of Cape Town, South Africa*

10:00  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

10:15  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

10:30-11:00  **Morning Coffee**

11:00-12:30  **Session 4: An evidence vase behind counselling**  
Chair: Barbara Biesecker

11:00  New interventions to facilitate family communication about genetic risk and preparing the workforce  
Alison Metcalfe  
*Kings College London, UK*

11:30  Facilitating personalized communication in genetic counselling  
Eveline Bleiker  
*Netherlands Cancer Institute, The Netherlands*

12:00  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

12:15  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

12:30-14:00  **Lunch**
14:00-15:30  Session 5: Outcome measurements  
Chair: Marion McAllister

14:00  What counts as ‘success’ in genetic counselling?
Systematic review of RTCs in assessing outcomes in genetic counselling?
Barbara Biesecker
NIH, USA

14:30  Putting an economic value on patient outcome measures
Katherine Payne
University of Manchester, UK

15:00  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

15:15  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

15:30-16:00  Afternoon Tea

16:00-17:30  Session 6: Debate session – How & when are psychotherapeutic models relevant in the genomic era  
Chair: Anna Middleton
Jehannine Austin, University of British Columbia, Canada
Tara Clancy, University of Manchester, UK

17:30-19:00  Poster Session 2 (even numbers) with drinks reception

19:00  Dinner & Cash bar

Friday 6 October

09:00-10:30  Session 7: Ethical and social issues  
Chair: Chris Patch

09:00  Bioethics and genetic counselling’
Heidi Howard
Uppsala University, Sweden

09:30  The duty to inform: HD case legal going through the English courts
Vicky Chico
University of Sheffield, UK

10:00  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

10:15  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

10:30-11:00  Morning Coffee
Keynote Lecture 2: The priorities for research in genomic counselling
Clara Gaff
University of Melbourne, Australia

Session 7: Spreading the word post consultation
Chair: Bob Resta

12:00 Family communication about genomics
Jon Roberts
Wellcome Genome Campus, UK

12:30 Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

12:45 Panel discussion: The future of the genetic counselling profession
Clara Gaff, Tina-Maria Wessles, Christine Patch, Jehannine Austin

13:30 Closing remarks and conference summary
Programme Committee

13:35 - 14:45 Lunch & depart

14:45 Coaches depart to Cambridge city centre and train station & Heathrow airport via Stansted airport