World Congress on Genetic Counselling

4-6 October 2017
Wellcome Genome Campus

Draft Conference Programme

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 Australian 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
17:30  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)
17:45  Selected talk (from submitted abstract)

18:00-19:30  
**Poster Session 1 (odd numbers) with Drinks Reception**

19:30  Dinner & Cash bar

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**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 base 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
11:00-12:00  
**Keynote Lecture 2: The priorities for research in genomic counselling**  
*Clara Gaff*  
*University of Melbourne, Australia*

12:00-13:35  
**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**