

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Invitation to the ISTS Twin Registries' Networking Meeting in Budapest

Dear Colleagues:

It is our pleasure to invite you to the ISTS Twin Registries' Networking Meeting, which will be held between **15 and 16 April, 2019**, at **Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary**.

The scope of the meeting will include building capacity through new international collaborations in twin research and networking among researchers. The meeting welcomes representatives of both new and established twin registries and will offer a unique opportunity for researchers to share challenges, tips and tricks on maintaining their invaluable twin registries. Novel epigenetic twin studies require larger sample sizes and twins suffering in rare diseases, therefore, collaboration across countries has of crucial importance.

The meeting will consist of networking workshops in various topics. Detailed program will be announced later as soon as the registration will be finished. Sessions will be organised and finalized based on the recommendations of the participants.

The aim of the meeting is to promote the ISTS 2019 congress in Hong Kong (28 to 30 November, 2019) to the participants where the progress of the collaborations starting in the Budapest meeting will be encouraged and further discussed.

Location: Basic Medical Science Center (EOK), Semmelweis University, 37-43 Tűzoltó street, Budapest 1094, Hungary.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Monday, 15 April, 2019

08.45 Opening of the workshop by local organisers

09.00 Session 1: INTRODUCTION: Welcome address (Hevesy lecture hall)

09.15 Session 2: UPDATE OF ONGOING INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS (Hevesy lecture hall)

10.30 MORNING COFFEE BREAK

11.00 Session 3: UPDATE ON TWIN STUDIES IN EPIGENETICS AND MICROBIOME (Hevesy lecture hall)

12:00 LUNCH BREAK

13:00 Session 4: NEW PROJECT IDEAS

14:00 Session 5: Workshops I.

- Cardiovascular (Seminarium room 1)

- Epigenetics (Seminarium room 2)
- Microbiome (Seminarium room 3)
- Genetics (Seminarium room 4)

15:30 Summary of Workshops I. (Hevesy lecture hall)

16:00 AFTERNOON BREAK: INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP FOOD/DRINK TASTING – let the others taste the speciality of your country

16:30 Session 6: TWIN REGISTRIES OUTREACH/ FUNDING QUEST (Hevesy lecture hall)
Need of Twin Research Methodology education. What can be done for twins. Funding sources.

17:00 DAY 1 ends

18:00-21:00 RECEPTION on Danube (boat)

Tuesday, 16 April, 2019

8:00 Hands-on workshop: how to perform microbiome collection (Department of Microbiology, Semmelweis University)

8:30 Session 7. EMERGING AND ESTABLISHED TWIN REGISTRIES (Hevesy lecture hall)

9:15 Session 8: Workshops II.

- Metabolic (Seminarium room 1)
- Mental health (Seminarium room 2)
- Biology of twinning (Seminarium room 3)
- Antrometric (Seminarium room 4)

10:30 Summary of Workshops II. (Hevesy lecture hall)

11:15 BREAK

11:30 Session 9: Workshops III.

- Respiratory (Seminarium room 1)
- Imaging (Seminarium room 2)
- Twin statistics (Seminarium room 3)
- Neurology (Seminarium room 4)

12:30 Summary of Workshops III. (Hevesy lecture hall)

13:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 Session 10: Workshops IV.: Regional cooperations and exploring funding/exchange opportunities

- Europe (Seminarium room 1)
- America (Seminarium room 2)

- Asia and Australia (Seminarium room 3)
- Africa (Seminarium room 4)

15:00 Summary of Workshops IV. (Hevesy lecture hall)

15:30 Break

15.45 Session 11. ORGANIZER'S SESSION: TWIN RESEARCH IN HUNGARY (Hevesy lecture hall)

16:30 Session 12: FUTURE OF TWIN STUDIES (Hevesy lecture hall)
Omics, Clinical studies, OS twins, etc

17:15 Session 13: EVALUATION

18:00 Wrap up

Please register by December 31, 2018 on the following link:

<http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-4500803/online-event-registration-form>

Registration fee is dependent upon the number of participants, which includes:

- lunch for both days
- dinner on Monday night (on the Danube, boat)
- technical support of the conference venue
- cleaning service of the conference venue

Estimated registration fee: between 60 and 135 EUR per person (we try to reduce the fees as low as possible, depending on the number of participants) – the exact value will be known after registration deadline, around 5 January, 2019

Participation cancellation deadline: 15 January, 2019.

Payment deadline: 31 January, 2019.

We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Steering committee: Prof. Dr. Jeff Craig, Dr. Lucas Ferreira

local organisers: Adam and David Tarnoki, MD, PhD