



Basic and Advanced Course in Genetic Counselling

Bertinoro (Italy), April 20 – 24

Topics: The course has been divided in two parts. The first part includes basic scientific information and clinical skills needed for genetic healthcare practice, including prenatal, cancer genetics, ethics and laboratory testing. The second part will focus on the counselling and communication skills required by those working with patients and their families. All students will be encouraged to practice their counselling skills in a supportive environment and to give and receive feedback. The course will include some exercises and discussion sessions aimed at facilitating professional and personal self-awareness of students, in order to enhance their genetic counselling practice. The course will include sessions on supporting patients through decision-making, prenatal and presymptomatic testing.

Target: Clinical geneticists, genetic counsellors, genetic nurses and trainees in those professions. Students who are new to genetic healthcare should not attempt Part 2 without first completing part 1.

Very experienced genetics practitioners may wish to do Part 2 only.

Venue: The University Residential Center of Bertinoro (www.ceub.it)

Fees: The Registration fee for the **entire course** (€ 680,00) includes tuition, course material, meals, coffee breaks and transportation **from Bologna airport** to the course venue on April 19th and back on April 24th.

Registration fee for the **basic course** (360,00 Euro) includes tuition, course material, meals, coffee breaks and transportation **from Bologna airport** to the course venue on April 19th and back on April 22nd.

Registration fee for the **advanced course** (350,00 Euro) includes tuition, course material, meals, coffee breaks and transportation **from Bologna airport** to the course venue on April 22nd and back on April 24th.

Accommodation: You'll be lodged at the Course Venue and/or in nearby hotels.

The rate for a double room occupancy (to be shared with another participant) is €35,00/night and includes bed and breakfast. Single rooms will be assigned if available upon request.

A limited number of fellowships covering both registration fees and accommodation will be sponsored by ESHG. Following the guidelines established by ESHG, students from economically less favoured countries are strongly encouraged to apply for ESHG fellowships: see list here https://www.eshg.org/fileadmin/eshg/countries/Collective_Members_Country_List_from_01_01_2017.pdf

However, fellowships are not limited to these countries.

Applicants for fellowships should submit their request together with CV, motivation letter and a reference letter to rpartisani@ceub.it. Closing date for fellowship applications: February 13, 2018.

A communication of acceptance (or non-acceptance) will be sent by mail within February 20.

Applicants without fellowships can register at the following link: www.ceub.it. The link will be available soon.

Closing date for registration will be when all places are taken.

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COURSE PROGRAMME:

Arrival: April, 19th

Friday, April 20th – BASIC

9.00 – 9.10	Introduction to the course F. Forzano, A. Tibben
9.10 – 9.30	The ESGM Courses G. Romeo
10.15 – 11.00	Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics: past, present and future J. Baptista
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-12.20	Genetics of intellectual disability F. Forzano
12.20-13.20	The Genetic Laboratory: instructional book M. Iascone
13.20-14.30	Lunch break

Afternoon Session:

14.30-15.30	Basic concepts on dysmorphology F. Forzano
15.30-16.15	Genetic services: aims, process, outcomes. Setting the agenda C. Patch & Z. Bruwer
16.15 – 16.45	Coffee break
16.45 – 18.15	Workshops session: A: CASE DISCUSSION, CLINICAL B: LAB C: HOW TO DRAW A PEDIGREE

Saturday, April 21st – BASIC

- 9.00 – 10.30 Workshops session:
- A: CASE DISCUSSION, CLINICAL
 B: LAB
 C: HOW TO DRAW A PEDIGREE
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.00 Cancer genetics: scenarios and issues
D. Turchetti
- 12.00 – 13.00 Prenatal diagnosis: scenarios and issues
F. Forzano
- 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch Break

Afternoon Session:

- 14.30 – 15.30 Practical ethics: consent, confidentiality and disclosure
C. Patch
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00 – 18.00 Workshops session:
- D: ROLE PLAY
 E: ROLE PLAY, CANCER

Sunday, April 22nd – BASIC & CROSSOVER

- 9.00 – 11.00 Workshops session:
- E: ROLE PLAY, CANCER
 D: ROLE PLAY, PRENATAL
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30	Introduction to the course and Revision of basic Patient-Centered counselling skills A. Tibben
12.30 – 13.15	Skills practice (I) A. Tibben
15.15-14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 – 15.45	Skills practice (II) All Faculty
15.45-21.00	Social event tbd

Monday, April 23rd – ADVANCED

9.00 – 9.45	Counselling for predictive testing A. Tibben
9.45 – 10.45	Discussion of difficult cases brought by students All faculty
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11:15 –12.30	Skills Practice (III) All faculty
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch break
Afternoon Session:	
14.00 –14.45	Breaking the news: theory A. Tibben
15.45-15.45	Skills practice (IV) Breaking the news A. Tibben
15.45 – 16.15	Coffee break

16.30 –17.30 Family dynamics: theory and awareness
E. Razzaboni

Tuesday, April 24th – ADVANCED

9.00 – 9.30 Genetic testing in children (recommendations, legal frameworks and
 specific counselling issues
C. Patch

9.30 – 10.15 Cross cultural issues
Z. Bruwer

10.15-10.40 Grief and loss experiential exercises
A. Tibben

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

11:100 –12.15 Grief and loss experiential exercises
All faculty

12.15 – 12.30 Evaluation, closing remarks, farewell
F. Forzano, G. Romeo, A. Tibben

12.30-14.00 Lunch and departure