

What's on Where? Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 2008

Conference on the Impact on Clinical Research of European Legislation

Date: 2 December 2008

Venue: Brussels, Belgium

The European Union Clinical Trials Directive 2001/20/EC was released with the objective of harmonising the regulatory systems, improving the protection of study participants, optimising the use of safety information, and ensuring the quality of studies and the credibility of data. This conference is intended to review the impact of the directive in order to improve the clinical trial environment in the EU.

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January 2009

EuroGentest Workshop: Validation of Diagnostic Tests in Clinical Molecular Genetics

Date: 8-9 January 2009

Venue: Prague, Czech Republic

Genetic tests must be validated before diagnostic use to ensure that they perform according to the laboratory requirements, and test validation is a formal requirement of many accreditation standards including ISO 15189. This workshop will examine the validation requirements of ISO 15189 and address practical ways of meeting them in the laboratory.

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February 2009

IBC Conference: Ushering in the New Era of Orphan Disease R&D, Clinical & Business Strategies

Date: 5-6 February 2009

Venue: Bethesda MD, USA

Conference organiser IBC's Inaugural Orphan Diseases conference will aim to deliver valuable information in a strategically organized and refined format for both industry and non-profit organizations. Regulatory Perspectives from the FDA & EMEA will provide global advice for successful commercialization; scientists from Siena Biotech, NIH & Novartis will help understand common orphan disease mechanisms; and the National Organization for Rare

Disorders (NORD) will describe effective mentoring strategies for new orphan disease companies to ensure success.

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March 2009

British Paediatric Surveillance Unit 2009 Conference

Date: 3 March 2009

Venue: London, England

The British Paediatric Surveillance Unit (BPSU) has put together a programme that reviews the contributions the unit has made to the understanding and control of uncommon childhood conditions, and the consequential impact on public health policy and development of partnerships.

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3rd International Congress on Rare Pulmonary Diseases and Orphan Drugs

Date: 20-21 March 2009

Venue: Milan, Italy

This conference will consider new issues in rare pulmonary diseases and examine aspects of individual disorders.

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May 2009

Molecular Mechanisms of Neurodegeneration

Date: 8-10 May 2009

Venue: Milan, Italy

Addressing the most important issues involved in protein toxicity in neurons, providing participants with updated information that could be useful to researchers in the field of neurodegenerative disorders.

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7th World Congress on Melanoma

Date: 12-16 May 2009

Venue: Vienna, Austria

A joint meeting with the 5th Congress of the European Association of Dermato-Oncology. Clinicians and researchers will focus on the state of the art in prevention, recognition, and treatment of cutaneous neoplasms covering melanoma and non melanoma skin cancer as well as lymphomas and rare skin tumours. Deadline for submission of abstracts: 31 January, 2009.

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8th Balkan Meeting on Human Genetics

Date: 14-17 May 2009

Venue: Cavtat, Croatia

"Rare diseases – public policy, research, diagnosis and management" is one of the topics featured in this conference. Deadline to submit an abstract is 20 January 2009.

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June 2009

12th International Congress on Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinoses

Date: 3-6 June 2009

Venue: Hamburg, Germany

The aim of this meeting is to facilitate and speed up exchange between expert scientists and physicians, but also to confront young researchers with the challenges of the largest group of degenerative brain diseases in young people. Deadline for submission of abstracts: 28 February, 2009.

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