

# Mutation Detection 2009

10<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Mutations in the Genome

Paphos, Cyprus

28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009

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## Is your target market inventors, major users of mutation detection methodology & technology, & diagnostic laboratories?

If so, then you will want to support this series of Mutation Detection meetings, as it is the only one focussing on this very specialised field.

Each two years since 1991 we have held International Workshops on Mutation Detection. Mutation Detection is a very specialised field and these workshops gather inventors and major users of mutation detection techniques to discuss new technologies, improvements of old techniques and their application as well as inherent problems in the techniques.

Past speakers have stimulated intense and lengthy discussions, a concrete sign that these meetings are fulfilling a need, and providing a forum where those involved in DNA diagnostics and mutation detection can meet and learn. Some commonly used methods were described at this series of meetings for the 1st time. These meetings are now recognized and attended by the specialists in Mutation Detection and are continuing to be the only such grouping of scientists occurring anywhere else in the world. The workshops are usually run with 20 to 30 invited speakers and a committed audience of 200 - 250 chosen for their interest via their abstracts. Reports on the last two meetings may be seen in *Nature Genetics* (2005) Vol. 37, No. 10 p 1019 – 1021 and *Human Mutation* (2008) 29(6): 886 – 890.

### List of Invited Speakers – See Website for updates

- Hagan Bayley (UK)  $\alpha$ -hemolysine nanopores
- Bruce Budowle (USA) Mass spec. methods for human mtDNA typing & microbial forensic applications
- Charles Cantor\* (USA) Applications of high-throughput Mass Spectrometry
- Marios Cariolou (Cyprus) Genetic typing in the identification of missing persons & mass disaster victims
- Richard Cotton (Australia) The Human Variome Project
- Constantinos Deltas (Cyprus) Methodology & the genetic heritage of Cypriots; founder mutations, geographic clustering, relation with other peoples in the neighbourhood
- Volker Deckert (Germany) Tip-enhanced Raman spectroscopy
- Cees Dekkers\* (Netherlands) Nanocarbon tubes
- Johan den Dunnen (Netherlands) Recent developments in the clinical lab; from a one exon to a complete genome sequence
- Michael Fenech (Australia) DNA damage
- Ivo Gut (France) Advances in DNA analysis by mass spectrometry
- Andreas Hadjisavvas (Cyprus) Cancer genetics; the experience in Cyprus
- Yoshihide Hayashizaki (Japan) Handheld device for detection
- Finlay Macrae (Australia) InSiGHT pilot- database from pilot to central databases
- Kalim Mir (UK) Microscopy based methods for detection
- Mats Nilsson (Sweden) Mutation detection of single-cells & molecules
- George Patrinos (Netherlands) National mutation databases
- Tomi Pastinen (Canada) Allele-specific gene expression
- S.R. Quake\* (USA) An application of Fluidigm technology
- David C. Schwartz (USA) Optical Mapping – to discover & characterize human structural variation
- Michael Snyder\* (USA) Fine-scale mapping of genomic structural variation
- Steve Sommer (USA) Detection of small amounts of mutation
- Ann-Christine Syvanen (Sweden) Gene expression studies in leukemia using genome-wide genotyping and massively parallel sequencing
- Sean Tavtigian (France) Pathogenicity of variants
- Graham Taylor (UK) High-throughput sequencing in diagnostic labs
- Pamula Vamsee (USA) Digital microfluidics
- Carl Wittwer (USA) Advances in melting curve analysis

\*To be confirmed

We are now in the planning stages of this exciting meeting in to be held **28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009** and are offering companies a number of opportunities where they can showcase their products and services to this specialist targeted group. The next meeting will be held in the World Heritage Listed town of Paphos, Cyprus which can be easily reached by two international airports. Cyprus, a member of the European Union is ideally located at the crossroads of Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

**Potential Delegates** - It is expected the meeting will attract more delegates than usual from the Balkans, Eastern Europe and the Middle East as well as many delegates from other parts of Europe and the rest of the World.

We appreciate that holding these meetings would be impossible without the generous support of industry. Industry also benefits from these meetings in the form of new users, new ideas, new products due to its highly focused nature on the methods, problems and applications. A company lecture for example allows you to disseminate your information to the entire audience.

Thus, to fully benefit, we hope you can attend and give a display and /or a lecture. Or, you can contact us to discuss some of the other sponsorship opportunities that are available for example satchel inserts.

We look forward to welcoming you to Paphos.

### LOCATION

The west coast town of Paphos focuses around an attractive little harbor whose picturesque open air fish restaurants line a quayside of bright fishing boats and pleasure craft. With a population of just 28,000 Paphos nestles in the lee of the Western Troodos Mountains which add another dimension to this area of scenic beauty.

Paphos has an air of holiday charm combined with history, and olden-day elegance is lent to the town by its classical style buildings in the upper part of town which leads to the shopping area. The lower part of the town - known as Kato Paphos - has a life of its own, down near the sea, home of the harbor, the fish taverns, shops and several beautiful hotels with important archaeological sites around them. Paphos is entwined with Greek mythology and the legendary birth of Aphrodite. In fact the whole area abounds in historical and archaeological treasures.



### Transportation

Cyprus has are two International airports: **Larnaca** and **Paphos** with flights from most of Europe and the Middle East and thus is easily connected to North America, Asia and Australia. Most travelers reach Cyprus through the Larnaca International Airport which is the larger of the two. The Paphos International Airport is situated only a few miles away from the conference venue (Paphos) and would be the most convenient option for conference participants. Group transportation will be provided at specific times from and to Larnaca airport before and after the meeting. Alternatively taxi pickup can be pre-arranged by the organizers.

### Passports and Visas

Participants from the USA, Australia, Canada and Western Europe do not need a visa to travel to Cyprus. Please check this website: <http://www.cyprusvisa.eu/> to be sure whether you need a visa or not. If you are unsure check the nearest Cypriot consulate or embassy.

## Conference Venue



(view from hotel room)

The conference will be held at the 5-star Coral Bay Resort (<http://www.coral.com.cy/Coral.aspx>) in the town of Paphos, Cyprus. All delegates will be accommodated in the same hotel. For those people bringing their partners and/or families, there are lots of activities to keep them occupied.

All meals are included as part of the conference, two of them will be inside the hotel and two outside. There will also be a half day excursion.

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We look forward to welcoming your participation in this key meeting & hope you will be able to attend.

Please contact Ms Heather Howard to further discuss your sponsorship opportunities.

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**More detailed description of registration, abstract submission, and accommodation procedures as well as detailed travel and island information are available on the meeting Website: [www.mutationdetection.org](http://www.mutationdetection.org)**