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Saltire Society Award



Congratulations to Professor Andrew Morris, Chairman of the GS: SFHS Scientific Group who has been presented with a Saltire Society and Scottish & Newcastle Science Award at The Royal Society of Edinburgh. Professor Morris followed the award with his lecture 'Fat or Fiction – The Global Threat of Diabetes'. The Saltire Society is a non-political body which is concerned with all aspects of Scottish life and culture and promotes excellence in the arts and sciences.

Generation Scotland: Scottish Family Health Study and 21CGH to share GS Brand and Governance Structure

21CGH will now share the Generation Scotland brand with the Scottish Family Health Study. Professors David Porteous and Andrew Morris first presented Generation Scotland: Genetic Health in the 21st Century (GS: 21CGH) and Generation Scotland: Scottish Family Health Study (GS: SFHS) at the "Health of the Nations" as part of Tartan Day, in Boston on 6th April, on behalf of the Scottish Executive and Scottish Development International.

In the last issue we reported on the successful Scottish Family Health Study (SFHS) proposal submitted to the CSO in response to the Scottish Executive's Genetics and Healthcare Initiative (GHI). At the first SFHS Scientific Committee Meeting it was agreed that the public perception of large genetics projects was important and that

the use of Generation Scotland brand was worth consideration.

Following wide consultation it has been agreed that it is highly beneficial to share the GS brand as there are substantial synergies in research governance and public relations between 21CGH and SFHS, demonstrated by their co-presentation in Boston.

During their visit to Boston, Professor Porteous and Professor Morris were interviewed by US Talk Radio host Dr David Lemberg. If you would like to listen to the interviews visit the following links which can be found at www.worldtalkradio.com/archives.asp?sid=40. Link to: [David Porteous](#) and [Andrew Morris](#) (press CTRL and click to follow link).

New Project Manager for GS: 21CGH

Following Shona Kerr's promotion to the role of Science Manager, Robin Morton has taken on the role of Project Manager for GS: 21CGH, with responsibility to the Science Management Group (SMG) for the co-ordination and development of all aspects of the project. Robin has worked in the field of neuroscience in both the pharmaceutical industry and academia.

The project manager has a primary responsibility to facilitate effective integration of the diverse specialties involved in GS: 21CGH, which include laboratory based genetics, epidemiology, statistics, data and health informatics social science, ethics and law. The current priority is to secure ethical approval for the sample collection which is scheduled to start in Q3 2005. There are further plans to organize several workshops on a variety of subjects, including QT analysis and Epidemiology and Family Based Genetic Databases. Robin can be contacted at 0131 651 1061 or robin.morton@ed.ac.uk.



Generation Scotland Website Launched

A new website has been launched for Generation Scotland. This will act as a central resource for information about all aspects of Generation Scotland. The new website will form an integral part of the public face of GS: 21CGH and GS: SFHS and will undergo considerable development in the next few months to provide an effective interface between GS projects, the general public and stakeholders. The website benefits from professional photography of Scottish families taken at a number of famous locations in Scotland. Please forward comments to Alan Blaikie at enquiries@generationscotland.org.

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