Summary of responses to the ISFG Summer School 2023 survey

We sincerely thank everyone who took the time to fill out the questionnaire regarding the online ISFG Summer School that is planned for August 28 to September 9 2023.

Through this letter we would like to inform you about the results and follow-up plans.

In total, 170+ responses were obtained. All topics that were listed in the questionnaire were chosen to be included in the ISFG Summer School (see Fig. 1) and more than ten additional topics were suggested (not shown).

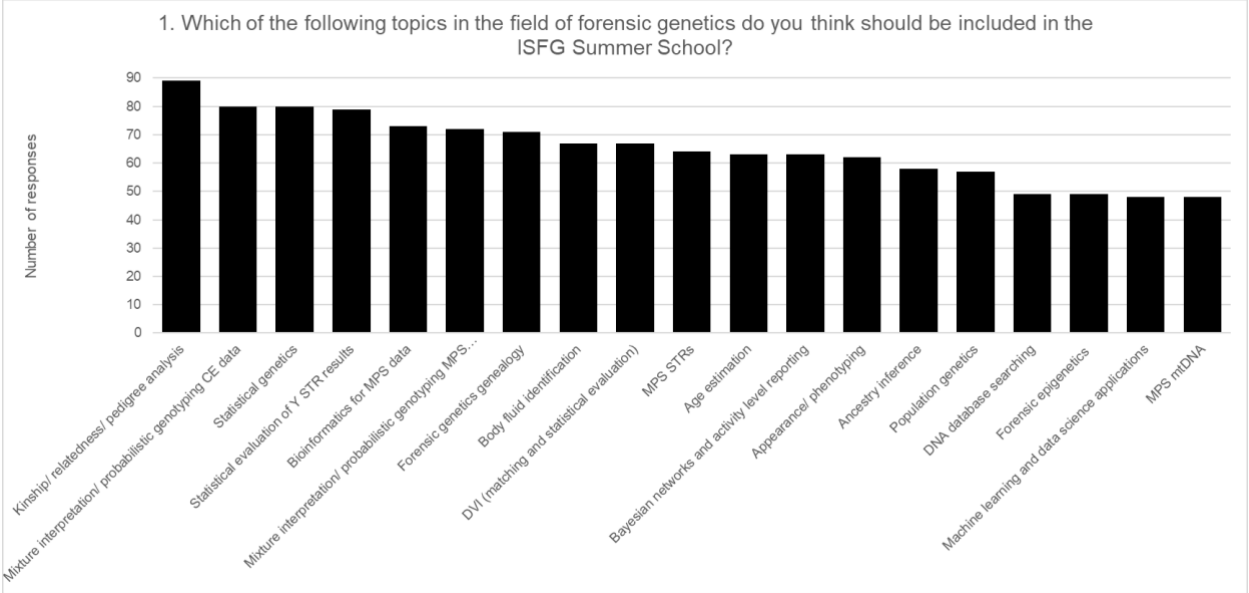

Figure 1. Responses to question 1 'Which of the following topics in the field of forensic genetics do you think should be included in the ISFG Summer School?'. Multiple answers could be chosen.

Out of the persons that filled out the questionnaire, most voted for SNPs to get (more) attention in upcoming courses, proteomics was chosen the least (Fig. 2).

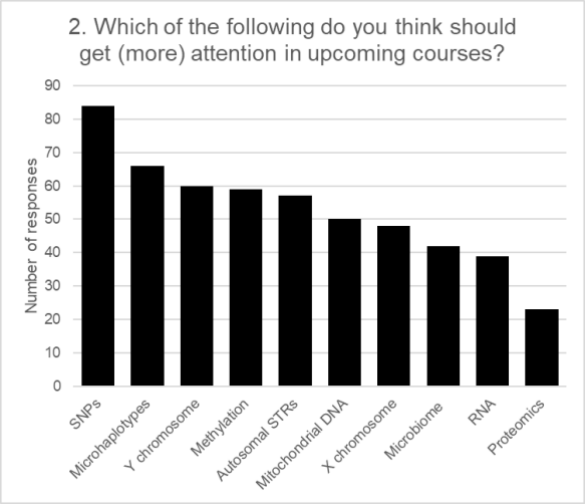

Figure 2. Responses to question 2 'Which of the following do you think should get (more) attention in upcoming courses?'. Multiple answers could be selected.

Suggestions were done for software packages to include in training courses. EuroForMix and Familias were mentioned most often (Fig. 3). Please note that some of the software that were mentioned are not freely available, or are not specific for forensic genetics, and for some no training resources are available.

Many persons were suggested to provide training, also many who previously provided training for ISFG pre-congress workshops and/ or previous ISFG Summer Schools. This was very useful.

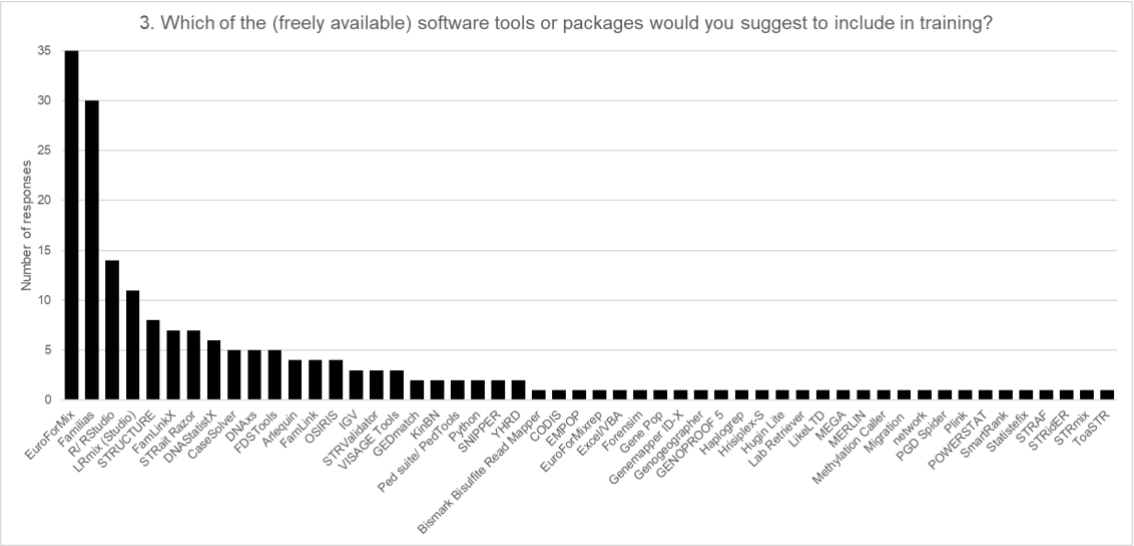

Figure 3. Responses to question 3 'Which of the (freely available) software tools or packages would you suggest to include in training?'.

The results of this questionnaire, together with feedback from previous ISFG workshops, was used to draft the program for the 2023 ISFG Summer School (see below).

As you can imagine, not all topics can be covered and not all suggested persons can provide training, but we hope that the planned workshops will meet the needs of the majority of the forensic genetics community.

One of the points that were raised in both the current questionnaire and in the feedback forms from the previous ISFG Summer School is the preference to have basic and advanced workshops. This is now addressed in the program. Some workshops are split into two parts, a basic and an advanced course, and participants can sign up for one or both.

Currently, we are in the process of collecting workshop information from invited teachers. Soon we will present the detailed workshop program (the topics and time schedule are ready and shown at the end of this letter) and provide further details on registration.

Thank you once again for your contribution and hope to see you at the ISFG Summer School!

ISFG Summer School workshop program 2023

Time (CEST)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	28-Aug	29-Aug	30-Aug	31-Aug	1-Sep
8am-12pm	*Opening*		WS 3	WS 5.1	WS 5.2
1pm-5pm	WS 1.1	WS 1.2			WS 6
6pm-10pm	WS 2.1	WS 2.2	WS 4.1	WS 4.2	

Time (CEST)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep
8am-12pm	WS 7.1	WS 7.2	WS 9		WS 12
1pm-5pm				WS 11	*Evaluation*
6pm-10pm	WS 8.1	WS 8.2	WS 10.1	WS 10.2	

WS no.	**Topic**
Opening	Tribute to Peter Schneider
WS 1.1	(Biogeographical) ancestry analyses: Basic
WS 1.2	Biogeographical ancestry interpretation: Advanced
WS 2.1	Inference of relationships: Basic kinship statistics
WS 2.2	Inference of relationships: Advanced kinship statistics
WS 3	Forensic epigenetics
WS 4.1	Pedigree analysis: Basic
WS 4.2	Pedigree analysis: Advanced
WS 5.1	Bayesian networks and activity level reporting: Basic
WS 5.2	Bayesian networks and activity level reporting: Advanced
WS 6	Mini-symposium: An introduction to and the use of microhaplotypes in forensics

WS no.	**Topic**
WS 7.1	Y chromosome interpretation: basic
WS 7.2	Y chromosome interpretation and communication to the courts: advanced
WS 8.1	Mixture interpretation: Basic
WS 8.2	Mixture interpretation: Advanced
WS 9	Wildlife DNA typing
WS 10.1	Bioinformatics MPS: Basic
WS 10.2	Bioinformatics MPS: Advanced
WS 11	MPS mtDNA: Analysis and interpretation
WS 12	Body fluid identification with main focus on RNA
Evaluation	