

EUROPEAN DNA PROFILING GROUP (EDNAP) MEETING

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA - 5 SEPTEMBER 2000

Host: Angel Carracedo
Chairman: Niels Morling

The meeting was held in conjunction with the STADNAP meeting

1. Future of EDNAP

Niels Morling

It was unanimously agreed that EDNAP had gained recognition through its funding for STADNAP and should continue with the same structure. There are still outstanding projects from the STADNAP initiative and these will be progressed within the group.

While we should actively look for new funding the emphasis should be on grants which are not linked to a complicated and time consuming bureaucratic system.

Any other members who have suggestions for project work should contact Niels Morling by e-mail or bring them to the next meeting.

New interlaboratory exercise:

Angel Carracedo and Maviki Lareu will select 10 Y-chromosome SNPs for a new collaborative exercise. Primers, 'positive' controls, description of the systems, etc. will be sent to the laboratories no later than the beginning of December 2000. The participating labs can choose the detection methods, e.g. restriction enzyme digestion followed by electrophoresis in agarose, SnapShot, Readit, primer extension, 'minisequencing', etc. If appropriate, the detection methods can be standardised in later exercises. AB is positive in supporting the use of SnapShot for detection. Denise Syndercombe Court and the London laboratory has some experience with the use of SnapShot technology, but reproducible results have not been obtained yet.

2. Aims of EDNAP

Niels Morling

The exercise to determine detailed aims and objectives becomes redundant now that EDNAP has no grant application. However, the issues associated with the size and membership of EDNAP remain to be resolved. It was suggested that there could be a geographical divide between East and West Europe with a small overlap of attendance at separate meetings. Approaches could be made to ISFG members to determine whether this would be acceptable. Members were asked to give this some consideration for the next meeting and also bring other relevant suggestions.

3. Next Meeting

Anne Kihlgren, on behalf of the Linköping laboratory, offered to host the next meeting in Sweden. The date is to be arranged but will probably be in May 2001.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting closed with sincere thanks to Angel Carracedo and Maviki Lareu.