

EUROPEAN DNA PROFILING GROUP (EDNAP) MEETING

Kiev, Ukraine

27 September 2010

Host: Ruslan Prokopovych.

Chairman: Niels Morling.

A list of participants is attached.

Welcome

Ruslan Prokopovych

Ruslan Prokopovych welcomed members to Kiev.

Update on exercises and other activities

mRNA exercises

Jack Ballantyne

The manuscript of the 2nd exercise on mRNA was recently submitted to FSI: Genetics.

mRNA exercise no 3: Cordula Haas and Jack Ballantyne have done some preliminary investigations of mRNA markers for saliva and semen. The goal is to have three mRNA markers for each tissue. The plan is to circulate reagents and samples in the autumn 2010. Results must be submitted by 1 March 2011 to be ready for the EDNAP meeting 6 April 2011. Ten laboratories expressed interest in participation.

Updates from other groups

ENFSI DNA Working Group

Ingo Bastisch

Ingo Bastisch reported on the activities of the various subgroups (presentation attached). The issue concerning the weight of the evidence of a match in a crime DNA database was discussed. The German Stain Commission has recently published recommendations in the German language. The recommendations have caused some debate.

Interpol

Richard Scheithauer

Richard Scheithauer reported the DNA activities of Interpol (presentation attached).

SNPforID GenPlex exercise

Niels Morling

The results of the exercise are in press in FSI:Genetics. Unfortunately, AB has stopped the production of SNPlex and GenPlex.

ISFG

Niels Morling

Copenhagen Summer School: The three-day course in biostatistics organized by Peter Gill as well as the two-day course in DVI organized by Tom Parsons + ½-day course in mitochondrial DNA + ½-day course in Y-chromosome DNA was a success.

ISFG Congress 2011 in Vienna 28 August – 3 September 2011: The two days before the congress will be dedicated educational workshops.

ISFG Commission on DNA of limited quality and/or quantity:

The area is complex. The commission is trying to introduce new concepts. However, it is a question if the commission should introduce new concepts. This is especially difficult because

there seems to be reluctance to accept the new concepts. Furthermore, there is a lack of the necessary software and education.

ISFG Commission of Non-Human DNA Typing in Criminal Investigations: N Morling
The aims are standardization of DNA typing of animals, identification of species and the identification of individual animal with DNA technology for use in criminal justice. The recommendations are almost finished.

University of Central Florida Jack Ballantyne
Jack Ballantyne presented the research activities of the group (presentation attached).

Funding

EU Funding - EDNAP Peter Schneider
Peter Schneider presented the present situation for obtaining support from the EU (presentation attached).

EU Funding - ENFSI Ingo Bastisch
Ingo Bastisch presented the present situation for obtaining support from the EU from the ENFSI point of view (presentation attached).

Funding – National Institute of Justice, USA Jack Ballantyne
It is possible for European research groups to obtain support from the NIJ. The prognosis is most likely optimized if a US group is the main contractor and the non-US lab(s) is/are sub-contractor(s).

EDNAP web site update (www.isfg.org/EDNAP) Peter Schneider
Minutes from previous meetings will be posted on the web site.

Any other business
There was no other business.

Next EDNAP meeting
The next EDNAP meeting will be held 6 April 2011 in Brussels in conjunction with the next ENFSI DNA Working Group Meeting.

Closing of the meeting
The meeting closed with sincere thanks to Ruslan Prokopovych and colleagues.

Attachments

- List of participants
- Presentations by
 - Jack Ballantyne/Cordula Haas: mRNA exercises no 2 and no 3
 - Ingo Bastisch: Summary of ENFSI activities
 - Peter Schneider: EU Funding.
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 - Jack Ballantyne: Update on research at the National Center for Forensic Sciences
 - Update from NIST.