





This is the official announcement of the annual proficiency test, organized by the English Speaking Working Group (ESWG) of the International Society of Forensic Genetics (IFSG).

This year (2017) the test will consist of two parts,

- 1. A **wet challenge** (DNA genotyping), where FTA cards containing diluted blood will be supplied for a maternity case (mother and two children). Labs are supposed to report the genotypes as well as relevant statistical calculations for the given case. Fee: 100 Euros
- 2. A **paper challenge**, where a more demanding case is given and labs are supposed to perform biostatistical evaluations and report their findings. Fee: 30 Euros

Application to participate is due no later than March 1st. Please specify if your lab would like to participate in both (or just one of the) parts of the proficiency test. Apply by replying to this mail.

In addition to your answer we ask you to submit your complete affiliation that should appear on the final certificate and complete details for the invoice, even if this has previously been submitted.

Samples and further details will be sent out in March, results will be due by July 1st, and the final report will be summarized at the biannual ISFG meeting in Seoul, August 28th. Certificates will be issued shortly after.

Feel free to contact us should you have any questions about the proficiency test.

With regards

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