ISFG Congress in Tivoli in Copenhagen
21 – 25 September 2007

The International Society for Forensic Genetics held the 22nd biannual congress 21 – 25 September 2007 in Tivoli in Copenhagen.

A total of 635 persons participated in the congress. The organizers had invited six distinguished speakers and selected 50 oral presentations as well as 325 poster presentations. The scientific quality was high. We thank all the contributors for making the congress such a wonderful time for all of us.

Very best wishes and thanks to all participants,

Niels
Opening ceremony

Welcome by the congress president

*Niels Morling*

Opening of the congress by the rector of the University of Copenhagen

*Ralf Hemmingsen*

Welcome by the president of the ISFG

*Peter M. Schneider*

The scientific programme begins
ISFG scientific prize 2005 lecture

The role of phylogenetics for forensic mtDNA analysis

Walther Parson

Scientific Prize 2007

Peter Schneider congratulates Reinhard Szibor with the scientific price of the ISFG 2007 for his work relating to X-chromosomal STR polymorphisms

Professor, dr. Reinhard Szibor
Born 20 March 1945
from the forensic DNA laboratory at the Institute of Legal Medicine of the Otto-von-Guericke-University in Magdeburg

Invited lectures

Invited lecture
A genome-wide view of human genetic variation from the International HapMap Project

Gill McVean
Invited lecture
Complex Physical traits
Mark Shriver

Invited lecture
DNA Typing from Non-Human Samples
Adrian Linacre

Invited lecture
Why did we ever decide to be conservative?
John Buckleton

Invited lecture
Pharmacogenetics
Magnus Ingelman-Sundberg
Reception at the Copenhagen City Hall

ISFG board meeting

The board of the ISFG held a meeting primarily to discuss the ISFG congress 2007 and the next congress in 2009

From left

Mechthild Prinz, Peter Schneider, Wolfgang Mayr, Niels Morling and Angel Carracedo
ISFG General Assembly

The ISFG board members
Angel Carracedo
Wolfgang Mayr
Peter Schneider
Niels Morling
Mechthild Prinz

Election of new ISFG board members
Leonor Gusmao (from 1.1.2008), Angel Carracedo (until 31.12.2007), Wolfgang Mayr, Peter Schneider, Niels Morling, Mechthild Prinz

New President 1 Jan 2008
Professor Niels Morling,
Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

New Treasurer
Assistant Professor Leonor Gusmao, IPATIMUP, Porto, Portugal
Leaving the ISFG board

Professor Angel Carracedo, Department of Legal Medicine, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Next ISFG Congress 2009

Dr. Ulises Toscanini proposed that Dr. Eduardo Humberto Raimondi, Fundación Falvioro, Buenos Aires, Argentina organizes the next congress in Buenos Aires

The proposal was accepted by the general assembly

The 23rd ISFG Congress will be held 23 – 26 September 2009

Congress President:
Dr. Eduardo Humberto Raimondi

Pre-congress dates: Not decided

EDNAP-ENFSI Seminar

Walther Parson, University of Innsbruck, summerized the latest collaborative EDNAP exercise on mtDNA SNP typing and haplogrouping
Niels Morling, University of Copenhagen, summarized the activities of the EDNAP Group since the last ISFG congress in 2005.

Ingo Bastisch, Bundeskriminalamt, Wiesbaden, summarized the activities of the DNA Working Group of ENFSI since the last ISFG congress in 2005.

ISFG Working Parties Meeting –

English Speaking Working Group

The board of the ESWG

Bertil Lindblom
Niels Morling
Gerda de Lange

New secretary of the ESWG

Denise Syndercombe Court,
Centre for Haematology,
Institute of Cell and Molecular Sciences, Barts and The London
London, England
Meeting of the DNA Commission on mtDNA

The DNA Commission on mtDNA met to discuss nomenclature of mtDNA and other aspects relating to mtDNA.

Poster sessions

A total of 325 posters were presented.
Celebration of the launch of the FSI:Genetics

Elsevier invited for a reception in order to celebrate that the first forensic genetic, scientific journal was launched in 2007.

Tina Scherington, Elsevier
Angel Carracedo, Editor of FSI: Genetics
Peter Schneider, President ISFG

The guests

Members of the editorial board of FSI: Genetics

Pekka Sauko, Editor of FSI
Tina Scherington, Elsevier
Congress dinner at Copenhagen Admiral Hotel
Award for best oral presentation

Simultaneous detection of length and nucleotide variability in STRs by High-Performance [Liquid Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry]

Florian Pitterl, Herbert Oberacher, Gabriela Huber, Harald Niederstätter, Walther Parson, Institute of Legal Medicine, Innsbruck Medical University, Austria

Award for best poster

P-123 Genetic characteristics of 22 Y-STRs in Koreans: Atypical alleles, deletions in the DYS385 flanking region, and null alleles associated with AZFc microdeletions

Myung Jin Park, Hwan Young Lee, Na Young Kim, Soong Deok Lee, Woo Ick Yang, Sang-Ho Cho, Kyoung-Jin Shin, Yonsei University College of Medicine, South Korea
Thanks to the organizers of the educational workshops

Walther Parson  
Charles Brenner  
John Butler  
Peter Gill

Dancing
Quality Assurance in Forensic Genetics

The meeting on Saturday 25 September 2007 was held in the Glass Hall in Tivoli

Report of the Paternity Testing Workshop of the ESWG

Charlotte Hallenberg

Report from the GEDNAP proficiency testing

Carsten Hohoff

Report from the aabb proficiency testing

David Gjertson

Report from the GEP Group

Julia Garcia-Hirschfeldt
Selection of SNPs in forensic genetics

Bruce Budowle
Peter Gill
Kenneth Kidd
Chris Phillips
Peter Schneider
Peter Vallone
John Butler and Niels Morling

The SNP selection panel
Farewell
The organizing team thanks everyone who participated

Eva Ganvig  Britta Dibbern  Niels Morling

Eva Ganvig  Bo T. Simonsen