



**The 6th Meeting of the African Society of Human
Genetics**
in conjunction with
**The 1st Annual Meeting of The Cameroon Human
Genetics Society**

Conference Program

Conference Theme: Human Origins, Genetic Diversity and Health

Day 0 (Thursday 12th March 2009)

1800 - 1900

REGISTRATION

1900 - 2200

WELCOME RECEPTION and BUFFET DINNER

Day 1 (Friday 13th March 2009)

0830 – 0930

REGISTRATION

Session 1

Opening Ceremony

0930 – 0935 Opening remarks by the President of Cameroon Human Genetics Society
0935 – 0940 Opening remarks by Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Yaoundé
0940 – 0945 Opening remarks by the Minister of Public Health, Republic of Cameroon
0945 – 0950 Opening remarks by Representative of the Wellcome Trust
0950 – 0955 Opening remarks by Charles Rotimi, AfSHG President
09.55 – 1045 Keynote Speakers: Luc Montagnier (Pasteur Institute, France)

1045 – 1115

BREAK

Session 2

Human Origins and Genetic Diversity

(Chairs: Onesmo ole-MoiYoi and Muntaser Ibrahim)

1115 - 1155

Invited lecture: David Bentley (Illumina Inc)

1155 - 1215

Sarah Tishkoff (University of Pennsylvania, USA)

1215 - 1235

Himla Soodyall (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

1235 - 1255

Onesmo ole-MoiYoi (ICIPE, Kenya)

1300 – 1430

BREAK - Lunch and poster viewing

Session 3

Cancers

(Chairs: Renato Mariani Costantini and Giuseppe Novelli)

1430 – 1500

Marco Pierotti (Director, National Cancer Institute, Italy)

1500 - 1530

Giovanni Tognoni (Director, Mario Negri South Institute, Italy)

1530 - 1600

Yehia Gad (National Research Centre, Cairo, Egypt)

1600-1630

BREAK

1630 - 1700

Olufunmilayo Olopade, (University of Chicago. USA)

1700 - 1730

Adekunle Odunsi (Roswell Park Cancer Institute, USA)

1730 - 1800

Pierre Hainaut (WHO, Lyon, France)

1830 - 2100

Social Event

Day 2 (Saturday 14th March 2009)

0900 – 1000 Wellcome Trust-led session: 'How to fund your research'

Session 4 CVD and Metabolic Disorders

(Chairs: Jean-Claude Mbanya and Scott Williams)

1000 - 1020	Scott Williams (Vanderbilt University, USA)
1020 - 1040	Sonia Abdelhak (Institut Pasteur, Tunisia)
1040 - 1100	Adebowale Adeyemo (National Institutes of Health, USA)
1100 - 1120	Ayo Doumatey (National Institutes of Health, USA)
1120 - 1140	Raj Ramesar (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

1110 – 1140 BREAK

Session 5 Free papers

(Chairs: Giorgio Sirugo and Wali Muna)

1140 – 1300 Short papers selected from submitted abstracts

1300 - 1430 BREAK - Lunch and poster viewing

Session 6 Infectious diseases

(Chairs: Giulia Cappelli and Rose Leke)

1430 – 1515	Invited lecture: Sir Walter Bodmer (University of Oxford, UK)
1515 - 1535	Prof. Omu Anzala (University of Nairobi, Kenya)
1535 - 1555	Ingileif Jonsdottir (DeCode, Iceland)
1555 - 1615	David Modiano (University of Rome, La Sapienza, Italy)

1615 - 1645 BREAK

1645 - 1815 Annual General Meeting (open to all AfSHG members)

1915 – 2000 Keynote talk Luca Cavalli Sforza

2000 Gala Dinner

Day 3 (Sunday 15th March 2009)

Session 7 Medical Genetics (Chairs: Wali Muna and Melanie Newport)

- 0830 - 0850 Clinical approach to dysmorphology (Armand Bottani, Geneva University, Switzerland)
- 0850 - 0910 Quality control in genetics diagnosis (Michael Morris, Eurogentest)
- 0910 - 0930 Could molecular cytogenetic replace classical chromosomal analysis? (Frederique Bena & Sophie Dahoun, Geneva University, Switzerland)
- 0930 - 0950 Practice of medical in sub-Saharan Africa: experience from Cameroon (Ambroise Wonkam, University of Yaoundé, Cameroon)
- 0950 - 1020 Invited lecture: Nature of mutations (Stylianos Antonarakis, University of Geneva, Switzerland)**
- 1020 – 1050 BREAK**
- 1050 – 1120 Invited lecture: Fulfilling the Promise of a Sequenced Human Genome. Eric Green (National Institutes of Health, USA)**
- 1120 – 1130 Short papers selected from submitted abstracts

Session 8 Ethnicity, Appearance, Culture and Genetics (Chair: Godfrey Tangwa and Charmaine Royal)

- 1130 - 1145 Doris Schroeder (GenBenefit, University of Lancashire, UK)
- 1145 - 1200 Charmaine Royal (Duke Institute for Genome Science and Policy, USA)
- 1200 - 1215 Joshua Kimani, (University of Nairobi, Kenya)
- 1215 - 1230 Vence Bonham (National Institutes of Health, USA)
- 1230 - 1245 Michael Parker(Ethox, Oxford)
- 1245 - 1330 Open discussion

1330-1345 Closing remarks and award of Young Investigator Prizes (Presidents of the AfSHG and CHGS)

1345 – 14.30 LUNCH

1500 – 1800 SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF YAOUNDE