

8th International Workshop on the History of Human Genetics

The History of Eugenics, Evolution of Techniques in Human Genetics and Women in the History of Human Genetics

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Satellite Symposium of the European Human Genetics Conference

Place: Berlin, GER
Messe Berlin – City Cube

Call for Abstracts – Due February 29, 2024

The **“History of Eugenics”** began since the term “Eugenics” has been established by the polymath Francis Galton (1882-1911). “Eugenics is the science, which deals with all influences that improve the inborn qualities of race [...]” (1904). Eugenics is related to Berlin among others due to activities of the *Kaiser-Wilhelm-Institute (KWI) for Anthropology, Human Heredity and Eugenics* (1927-1945). One of the important actors there was Otmar von Verschuer (1896-1969), since 1942 KWI-Director and after 1945 founder of the *Institute of Human Genetics* in Münster. He played an important role for development of Human Genetics in Germany and its international relations. The focus of this symposium will be the time before and after 1945, including a wide range of topics of worldwide Eugenics.

“Evolution of Techniques in Human Genetics” workshop part will focus on introduction of cytogenetics, molecular cytogenetics, molecular karyotyping and next generation sequencing (NGS), and their consequences for Human Genetics as well as their influence on diagnostics and therapy and genetic counselling.

“Women in the history of Human Genetics” will reflect on the role of female scientists in human genetics like Rosalind Franklin, Esther Zimmer Lederberg or Lore Zech. According to the UNESCO Institute of Statistics fewer than 30% of World’s researcher are women. The focus will be on the untold stories of women in Human Genetics and also the professional recognition.

All topics also include ethical questions.

Contributions on other historical aspects of human and medical genetics are also welcome.

Abstracts:

The maximum length of abstracts is 250 words. The final deadline for submissions is February 29, 2024, 24.00 hrs. CET. Submissions after the deadline cannot be accepted.

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