8th International Workshop on the History of Human Genetics

The History of Eugenics and The Evolution of Techniques in 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 14, 2020

The “History of Eugenics” began since the term “Eugenics” has been established by the works of the polymath Francis Galton (1882-1911), cousin of Charles Darwin. “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” symposium 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.

Both 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 14, 2020, 24.00 hrs. CET. Submissions after the deadline cannot be accepted.

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