

Hybrid Conference Programme

Start (GMT)	Finish (GMT)	Presenter details
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Monday 24 February 2025

12:00 13:00 Registration, lunch and networking

12:45 13:00 Briefing for Keynote & Session 1 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium

13:00 13:10 Welcome

Wellcome Connecting Science:
Treaasa Creavin, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK
Scientific Programme Committee:
Khadijah Bakur, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia
Annie Quratulain Hasan, Kamineni Hospital, India
Charlotta Ingvoldstad Malmgren, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden
Kelly Ormond, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

13:10 14:40 Session 1: Genetic Counselling Practice Around the World

13:10 13:40 Genetic Counselling in the EU: Policy recommendations and implementation pathways
J. Matt McCrary, Hannover Medical School, Germany

13:40 14:10 The state of genetic counselling in Asia
Breana Cham, KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore

14:10 14:25 Short talk selected from abstracts

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14:40 15:20 Refreshment break and networking

15:05 15:20 Briefing for Session 2 speakers, microphone runners, chair & moderator - Auditorium

15:20 16:50 Session 2: Genetic Counselling Education and Training - Sharing Best Approaches

15:20 15:50 A new developmental milestone framework for genetic counselor graduate education
Dawn Allain, Ohio State University, USA

15:50 16:20 Developing competencies for genetic counselor training in countries where the profession is new or emerging
Kelly Ormond, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

16:20 16:35 Short talk selected from abstracts

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16:50 17:30 Session 3: Debate- What Defines a Genetic Counsellor: Skills v Certification

Ramona Moldovan, University of Manchester, UK
Rebecka Pestoff, Linköping University, Sweden

17:30 18:30 Networking Session

18:30 20:30 Dinner

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Tuesday 25 February 2025

09:15 09:30 Briefing for Session 4 speakers, microphone runners, chair & moderator - Auditorium

09:30 10:45 Session 4: The Art of Being a Researcher - Building Capacity and Collaborations

09:30 10:00 GC research journey
Cindy James, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA

10:00 10:15 Short talk selected from abstracts

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10:30 10:45 Short talk selected from abstracts

10:45 11:30 Refreshment break and networking

11:30 13:00 Session 5: Research Collaborations Workshop (in-person only)

Led by: Khadijah Bakur, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia

13:00 14:15 Lunch and networking

14:00 14:15 Briefing for Session 6 speakers, microphone runners, chair & moderator - Auditorium

14:15 15:45 Session 6: Cultural Humility in Genetic Counselling: Global Perspectives and Adaptive Practices

14:15 14:45 Navigating cultural and ethical dilemmas in genetic counselling: Insights and challenges from Qatar in the genomic era
Reem Jawad A Al Sulaiman, Hamad Medical Corporation Doha, Qatar

14:45 15:15 Experiences of teaching and practising cultural humility
Sasha Henriques, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK

15:15 15:30 Short talk selected from abstracts

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15:45 16:30 Refreshment break and networking

16:20 16:30 Briefing for Keynote, microphone runners, chair & moderator - Auditorium

16:30 17:20 Keynote

Why genetic counsellors are healthcare's game changers
Clara Gaff, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia

17:20 17:50 Poster pitch talks

17:50 18:35 Poster session 1 - odd number posters

18:35 19:20 Poster session 2 - even number posters

19:20 20:30 Dinner

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Wednesday 26 February 2025

09:15 09:30 Briefing for Session 7 speakers, microphone runners, chair & moderator - Auditorium

09:30 11:00 Session 7: Using Technology in Genetic Counselling

09:30 10:00 Chatbots in genetic counseling
Elen Siglen, Haukeland University Hospital, Norway

10:00 10:30 Bridging the gap: Leveraging technology in genetic counseling
Rachelle Chambers, NYU Langone Health, USA

10:30 10:45 Short talk selected from abstracts

10:45 11:00 Short talk selected from abstracts

11:00 11:40 Refreshment break and networking

11:30 11:40 Briefing for session 8 speakers, microphone runners, chair, moderator & committee - Auditorium

11:40 13:10 Session 8: The Future of Genetic Counselling in Precision Medicine (panel discussion)

13:10 13:20 Closing Remarks and Prize Presentation

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13:20 14:20 Lunch and departures

14:20 Coach departures for Stansted and Heathrow airports

14:30 Coach departures for Cambridge train station and city centre