

Genetic Counseling Pre-conference Workshop 11th Asia Pacific Conference in Human Genetics

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Sheraton Hotel, Hanoi, Viet Nam

**organized by the
Professional Genetic Counselors Society in Asia
and the Global Health Genetics Group**

This pre-conference workshop will bring together genetic counselors, genetic counseling students, clinical geneticists and allied health professionals interested in the field of genetic counseling in the Asia region. We will share the current clinical genetic counseling services and research opportunities, availability of genetic counseling training programs, and on-going developments to establish new programs. Attendees will draw upon each other's expertise to promote collaboration and networking.

The objectives of the pre-conference are to:

Evaluate strategies for genetic counselor partnership in the Asia region;

Determine a feasible infrastructure to support implementation of genetic counseling training programs and enhance training in existing programs;

Recognize the provision of genetic counseling in the context of the varying cultural, religious and health systems in the Asian countries; and,

Define critical elements for genetic counseling resource tools.

Program

Time	Activity
8:00-8:30	Arrival of participants Registration Coffee and light breakfast
8:30-8:45	Welcome Remarks <i>Professor Dr. Meow-Keong Thong</i> <i>President, Asia-Pacific Society of Human Genetics</i>
8:45-9:00	Session I: Country Reports Introduction <i>Mercy Laurino, Certified Genetic Counselor</i> <i>Pro Tem President, Professional Genetic Counselors Society in Asia</i>
9:00-11:45	Country Reports
11:45-12:00	Session I: Country Reports Summary <i>Darci Sternen, Certified Genetic Counselor</i> <i>Global Health Genetics Group</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch Group Photo

1:00-1:15	Welcome Remarks <i>Juliana Lee, Certified Genetic Counselor FHGSA Pro Tem Vice-President, Professional Genetic Counselors Society in Asia</i>
1:15-1:30	Session II: Workshop Introduction <i>Dr. Kathy Leppig Global Health Genetics Group</i>
1:30-2:00	Group Breakout Session Case-based approach to discuss critical elements necessary to have a common genetic counseling resource
2:00-3:15	Group Reporting
3:15-3:30	Session II: Workshop Summary <i>Jennifer Thompson, Certified Genetic Counselor Global Health Genetics Group</i>
3:30-3:45	Coffee break
3:45-4:30	Open Forum <i>Professional Society of Genetic Counselors in Asia</i> Discuss next steps for Asia-based genetic counselors to collaborate on establishing genetic counseling training programs, enhance training in existing programs, and increase effectiveness on the provision of genetic counseling in the region.
4:30-4:45	Summary of Open Forum <i>Global Health Genetics Group</i>
4:45-5:00	Closing remarks and Future Directions <i>Mercy Laurino, Certified Genetic Counselor Pro tem President, Professional Genetic Counselors Society in Asia</i>

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