

ISBER 2010 Annual meeting Report

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I would like to thanks ISBER for offering this award to attend the ISBER 2010 Annual meeting in Rotterdam.

Program session

The program was clearly written and identified for the participant. All the presentation were excellent especially, "Practical approaches to the daily workflow process of a tissue bank" by Stella Somiari. This presentation illustrates the real challenges of establishing biobank. Other presentation "quality Control in the Biobanking process: New solution to old problems, old solutions to new problems". This presentation explains how we can identify the quality control of the biospecimens stored for long time. 'Informed consent procedures" scott Jewell.

There was lot information in the presentations in a very short time. I think lightning poster discussion will be omitted to concentrate in the

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ISBER working group presentation

I think these groups gave sufficient information about their activities. The education and training group focus in their discussion to train the technicians responsible for the biorepository but also the researchers and clinician need training to increase their awareness about the quality control, ethics and right of sharing samples

Benefits of attending ISBER meeting

The meeting provides me by different educational and training opportunities

- 1- Acquired knowledge and information about biorepositories regarding
 - a- Mechanism of storing biological specimens
 - b- Quality control of specimens
 - c- Ethical consideration regarding biobanking and biorepositories
 - d- How we can establish an initiative for biorepository in our Institute in the future
- 2- New technology and updated techniques for storing and deal with the biospecimens in addition.
- 3- Poster show us different methods of DNA extraction, quantity control experience of other labs in monitoring their biorepositories and the initiative one in different disciplines
- 4- Exhibition provide a great opportunities to initiate a relation with the material and reagent vender and to know about recent and advance equipment in the field of the biobanking and molecular biology, which help us in establishing a biobank in our Institute.

- 5- New information about animal and plant biobanking which help us to integrate the different multidiscipline to a achieve main goal of research

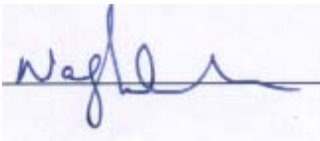
General Comments

- 1- Africa is full of different diseases form infectious to cancer and it is fertile place for research in the future. It is very important to consider Africa in the biorepository so as to start an initiative in some African countries
- 2- Increase travel award to 2-3 members from Africa (different parts) so as to initiate a nuclear for ISBER in Africa and they can transfer their knowledge gained to their members in the institute or university, they will be trainer of trainee
- 3- To offer the awardees a chance for practical training in one of the related institution or distance training so as to be exposed to the technology and practical experience of biorepository in addition to be followed up so as to know his/her feedback by implementation of biobank in Africa in the proper way.
- 4- As I'm a member of African Association of Human Geneticist AFSHG, It will be good if ISBER has a session in the next meeting in February 2011 in Cape Town.
- 5- Regarding to the travel award, it will be better if you give the award after the end of the meeting, because it is very expensive to pay for plane and hotel at the same time and then return home waiting for the refund .

Future prospect

We would like to start initiative of biorepository at NCI, University of Gezira for tissue and biospecimens. We start or contact with Pasquale De Blasio, he visited our institute 2008. I think we will go forward for this initiative in addition to ISBER committee support (advice, training and exchange of experience)

Thanks again for offering me this chance to attend this meeting. I would like to thank Pasquale De Blasio also for his nomination to attend this meeting in 2009.



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