

IRDIRC NOVEMBER 2014 UPDATE for Executive Committee, Scientific Committees, and Working Groups



The 2nd IRDiRC Conference

The 2nd IRDiRC Conference took place in Shenzhen, China, on 7-9 November 2014. Read the summary report and access the photos and selected presentations [here](#). This page will be updated when more materials and information are received.

BGI News also [reported](#) on this event, as well as a number of Chinese media, including [Bioon](#) and [Lian Cheng Xin Wen](#) (the latter two articles in Chinese).

Vice Chair of the Executive Committee

Congratulations to Professor Hugh Dawkins who has been elected as the Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee.

IRDiRC new documents

- Executive Committee: [report](#) of the teleconference held on October 2, 2014
- Diagnostics Scientific Committee: [report](#) of the teleconference held on October 7, 2014
- Therapies Scientific Committee: [report](#) of the teleconference held on October 6, 2014
- Working Group on Genome/Phenome: [report](#) of the teleconference held on September 30, 2014
- Working Group on Sequencing: [report](#) of the teleconference held on October 13, 2014
- Working Group on Biobanks: [report](#) of the teleconference held on October 20, 2014
- Working Group on Population Controls on Variant Datasets: [report](#) of the teleconference held on October 28, 2014

Upcoming IRDiRC meetings and teleconferences

- December 3, 2014: teleconference of the Working Group on Orphan-Drug Development and Regulatory Processes
- March 16, 2015: meeting of the Executive Committee in Madrid, Spain
- June 5, 2015: meeting of the Diagnostics Scientific Committee in Glasgow, UK
- June 5, 2015: meeting of the Interdisciplinary Scientific Committee in Glasgow, UK
- June 5, 2015: meeting of the Therapies Scientific Committee in Glasgow, UK
- June 6, 2015: meeting of the three Scientific Committees in Glasgow, UK

News published on the website

- [Chemical drugs could be an alternative](#) to gene therapy to treat certain genetic diseases
- The FDA has awarded [fifteen grants](#) to stimulate drug, device and biological product development

- Creation of a [mitochondrial dysfunction transcriptome](#) using publicly shared data
- [Disease Manifestation Network](#): a novel phenotype network database
- Article illustrates treatment of [advice on adaptive clinical trial designs by the EMA](#)
- [Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network](#) in the US awarded \$29 million to study more than 200 rare diseases
- NIH revises its [genomic data sharing policy](#)

IRDiRC-related calls

- The National Institutes of Health (NIH, USA) has launched [two funding opportunities announcements on eosinophil associated disorders](#), one of them [encouraging exploratory and developmental research projects](#) by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of these studies.
- The Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR, Canada) has launched [new investigator research grants in child and youth health](#).

Website updates

- The [IRDiRC presence at conferences section](#) has been updated with the addition of three presentations about IRDiRC during the [E-Rare Symposium](#), the [Fundación ARECES-VHIR Rare diseases Conferences](#) and the [Clinical Information Modeling Initiative](#).
- The [IRDiRC in the news section](#) has been updated with the addition of five articles mentioning IRDiRC from [EORTC](#), [Fundamental Diseases.net](#), [The Parliament](#), les [Prix du Québec](#) and [Orphan Druganaut Blog](#).

Other News

- Barbara Cagniard will be leaving the IRDiRC Scientific Secretariat at the end of December 2014 and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.
- Antonia Mills joined the IRDiRC Scientific Secretariat as Project Manager.



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