World Congress on Genetic Counselling

2 - 4 October 2019
Wellcome Genome Campus

Provisional Conference Programme

Wednesday, 2 October

12:30-13:50  Registration with lunch
13:50-14:00  Welcome and Introduction: Anna Middleton
14:00-14:45  Keynote lecture
Chair: Anna Middleton, UK
Speaker: Laura Hercher, USA
“Genetic Counsellors: imagining the next 10 years”

14:45-15:45  Session 1: Genetic Counselling: countries with an established profession
Chair: Jehannine Austin, Canada
14.45 Chieko Tamara, Japan: “Client-Centred genetic counselling in Japan”
15.15 Clara Gaff, Australia: “Models for the provision of additional genomic findings”

15:45-16:15  Afternoon tea
16:15-17:30  Session 2: Genetic Counselling: countries with an emerging profession
Chair: Michelle Bishop, UK
16.15 Olga Zayts, Hong Kong: “The delivery of genetic counselling in Hong Kong from a counsellor’s perspective”
16.45 Alvaro Mendes, Portugal: “How genetic counselling is changing because of the influence of DTC testing”
17:15 Short talk selected from abstracts

17:30-18:30  Panel led discussion:
Chair: Anna Middleton, Show AGNC film “it’s more than just a test” as an introduction
The ‘therapeutic alliance’ in genetic counselling, what is it and how do we translate this to non-specialist colleagues?
1. Barbara Biesecker, USA
2. Jehannine Austin, Canada
3. Clara Gaff, Australia

18:30-19:30 Poster Session 1 (odd numbers) with Drinks Reception
19:30 Dinner & cash bar

Thursday, 3 October

09:00-10:30 Session 3: Genetic Counselling against the clock
Chair: Christine Patch, UK
09.00 Michelle Bishop, UK “Selling what genetic counsellors do to policy makers”
09.30 Anna Middleton UK, “Replacing the educational component of genetic counselling with film: Music of Life”
10:00 Short talk selected from abstracts
10.15 Short talk selected from abstracts

10:30-11:00 Morning coffee

11:00-12:30 Session 4: What changes as a consequence of genetic counselling?
Chair: Galen Joseph
11.00 Jehannine Austin, Canada: “Behaviour change as an outcome of psychiatric genetic counseling”
11.30 Felicity Boardman, UK: “Patient’s experiences of genetic counselling”
12:00 Short talk selected from abstracts
12:15 Short talk selected from abstracts

12:30-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session 4: What does ‘success’ look like in Genetic Counselling
Chair: Barbara Biesecker, USA
14.00 Marion McAllister, Wales: “An overview of outcome measurements to evaluate genetic counselling”

15.00 Short talk selected from abstracts

15:15 Short talk selected from abstracts

15:30-16:00 Afternoon tea

16:00-16:45 **Keynote lecture:** Shivani Nazareth, **USA:** “Futuristic models of genetic counselling”

*Chair: Christine Patch, UK*

16:45-18:00 **Panel led discussion:** Technology and Genetic Counselling: Will genetic counsellors be replaced by ChatBots?

1. Shivani Nazareth, USA
2. Patricia Birch, Canada
3. Laura Hercher, USA
4. Jon Roberts, UK

18:00-19:00 **Poster session 2 (even numbers) with drinks reception**

19:00 Conference dinner & cash bar

**Friday 4 October**

09:00-10:30 **Session 7: Research into the Counselling Process**

*Chair: Alvaro Mendes, Portugal*

09:00 Rhona MacLeod, UK: “A family systems approach to genetic counselling: development of interventions”

09:30 Barbara Biesecker, USA: “Communicating uncertainty”

10:00 Galen Joseph, USA: “An anthropological view of genetic counselling”

10:30-11:00 Morning coffee

11:00-12:30 **Session 8: Leadership in genetic counselling**

*Chair: Shivani Nazareth, USA*

11:00 Speaker 12: Alison McEwan, Australia: “Preparing a genetic counselling workforce of the future”
11:30  Speaker 13:

12:00  Short talk selected from abstracts

12:15  Short talk selected from abstracts

12:30-13:30  **Panel led discussion:** The evolution of genetic counselling practice

  5. Chieko Tamara, Japan
  6. Marion McAllister, UK
  7. Gemma Chandratillake, UK

13:30-13:35  Closing remarks and conference summary

  *Programme Committee: Anna Middleton?*

13:35 -14:45  Lunch

14:45  Coaches depart to Cambridge city centre and train station & Heathrow airport via Stansted airport