

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in the British Society for Human Genetics. The Society was formed in January 1996 and represents the interests of the majority of professional Human Geneticists in the UK. The founding groups, existing under the BSHG umbrella, were the Clinical Genetics Society, the Association for Clinical Cytogenetics, the Clinical Molecular Genetics Society and the Association of Genetic Nurses and Counsellors.

Since then the BSHG has been strengthened by additional professional and special interest groups with common goals including the Cancer Genetics Group and the Society for Genomics Policy and Population Health.

Membership of the British Society for Human Genetics is open to anyone professionally involved in human genetics and may be membership of the BSHG alone or in association with membership of one of the four founding constituent groups or the two interest groups. The BSHG and its constituent groups exist to represent the interests of their members and conditions for membership are decided by the individual constituent groups. Membership and voting rights are possible for only one constituent group with the exception of the Cancer Genetics Group the Society for Genomics Policy and Population Health, where membership of this and one other founding constituent society is permitted.

If membership is applied for through any one of the constituent groups, this must be supported by two existing members of that group. If applying directly to the British Society, application for membership must be supported by two existing members of the Society.

Benefits of BSHG membership include:

- A special members rate for the British Human Genetics Conference
- Access to the conferences of all the Specialist Societies
- A special discount for Affiliate membership to the European Society of Human Genetics. This offer includes on-line access to the European Journal of Human Genetics and reduced registration for the ESHG Annual Conference.

Thank you once again for your interest and I hope to welcome you to the Society in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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General Secretary