

To: President of [German Society of Human Genetics](#)
Subject: Invitation to join the Human Variome Project Consortium

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Dear Dr Andre Reis,

I am writing to you in your capacity as the President of your country's human genetics society and your country's membership of the International Federation of Human Genetics Societies (IFHGS) to urge you and your members to join the Human Variome Project Consortium. The Human Variome Project and IFHGS have agreed to collaborate and the Human Variome Project is an affiliate member of IFHGS.

Membership to the Human Variome Project Consortium is important to the overall project and allows you to have your thoughts and voice heard, as well as to ensure that you are formally linked to the project.

Membership is free of charge and is as simple as clicking [HERE](#) and filling in the form.

The reasons I am bringing this to your attention include the following reasons:

1. You have shown interest and support for the vision of the Human Variome Project in the past, either directly or by way of: Human Genome Variation Society (HGVS), HUGO Mutation Database Initiative (HUGO MDI) or *Human Mutation*.
2. The larger the membership, the stronger the voice of the consortium, which then brings the importance of genetic variation collection to the attention of more global bodies and individual countries, which inevitably means better genetic health care.
3. The Human Variome Project is globally inclusive and welcomes strong international participation.
4. We are currently writing the next *Project Roadmap* and are actively seeking submissions from Consortium Members on the future direction of the Human Variome Project. Submissions can be made by responding to our exposure draft starting on 23 Jan 2012.
5. We want you to be a part of the creation of global standards and guidelines, participate in meetings and seminars. We need the input of all those with experience in collecting data, contributing data and using data, to bring their ideas to the table.
6. Only Consortium members can stand for Office on the Board and/or Scientific Advisory Committee and vote for them.

Any person who has interest of any type in the collection of data to allow better genetic health care is encouraged to join, so **please circulate this invitation on to your colleagues and co-workers, as well as to members of your society**. The more members we have, the more powerful we are.

We hope to see you at one of the following meetings: International Collaborations will be discussed in Beijing on Dec 8th -12th, 2011 (see details at www.humanvariomeproject.org) and at our Bi-annual Meeting, the 4th Human Variome Project Meeting, which will be held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on June 11th- 15th, 2012.

Yours Sincerely,

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