MINUTES
Education Committee Meeting
Monday, 6 November 2017
10:00 AM EST/16:00 Central European

1) Welcome/Call to order

Tony Borrell called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM EST. The following individuals participated:

Tony Borrell, Chair, Education Committee
Elaine Holgado, Co-Chair, Laboratory Techniques SIG
Marsha Michie, Co-Chair, Ethics of Reproductive Testing and Fetal Therapy SIG
Igna Van den Veyver, ISPD President

Alison Cockrell and Paige Hulsizer, ISPD Headquarters, by invitation

2) Preconference Courses
   a) Recap of courses selected by program committee; will offer seven half-day courses on the following topics:
      i) Counseling
      ii) Navigate into cfDNA testing options: technical, biological and quality aspects of different cfDNA testing technologies and their implications for counseling
      iii) Extending Prenatal Diagnosis of Monogenic Disorders
      iv) Fetal Heart
      v) Ultrasounds of genetic syndromes
      vi) Fetal Therapy
      vii) Genomics 101
   b) Marsha and Elaine are prepared moving forward to work on their preconference course proposals and speakers
   c) Need a list of proposed speakers to start making informal invitations
      i) SIG chairs can approach informally to invite
   d) Based on updates from the program committee, course chairs will review their proposals and submit names of proposed speakers as soon as possible to phulsizer@ispdhome.org (Program Committee meets on Monday, 13 November 2017)

3) Potential Conference Speakers
   a) Igna mentioned Glenn Cohen as possible closing plenary and potential for preconference. Marsha will look into it.
   b) Igna asked about gene editing. Marsha will send information on possible speakers for gene editing/bioethics/CRISPR
      i) Insoo Hyun on stem cell use and CRISPR ethics
ii) Josie Johnston, on prenatal screening and testing
c) Alta Charo- Igna suggested and Marsha strongly endorses

4) Online Training
a) Can do a webinar or an online training module
   i) Webinars are more hot topics, more informal session, offered live. Less likely to apply for CEU credit for webinar.
   ii) Online Modules would be available for CEU credit. Need to stand the test of time-would apply for credit for a two-year period.
       (1) Suggested to break online trainings into 15-minute modules and offer a group of these modules on a given topic.
       (2) Will follow a standard format using the attached instructions and template.
   iii) Up to the SIGs whether they want to offer a webinar or online training
b) Currently no SIG online trainings or webinars scheduled
c) Continuing Education Units
   i) NSGC – application process is similar to conference (need objectives, instructors, EOAF form)
       (1) Application fee is good for 2 years; can reapply after 2 years if desired
       (2) Send quarterly report of who claimed credit and pay
   ii) CMEs would require a different system; likely cost more and only be good for 1 year
       (1) Need to explore options to save costs on CMEs. Would anyone’s institution be willing to partner on CMEs?

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM EST time.