



European  
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Genetic Tumour Risk Syndromes  
(ERN GENTURIS)

## Newsletter May 2023



### Big news!

ERN GENTURIS member **Svetlana Bajalica Lagercrantz, MSc, MD, PhD** is now the **first** professor in hereditary cancer in Sweden.

She works at Karolinska University Hospital & Karolinska Institutet.

**Big congratulations Svetlana!**

**ERN GENTURIS puts its new members in the spotlight:**



## Meet Dr. Arvīds Irmejs

Dr. Arvīds Irmejs works in Pauls Stradiņš Clinical University Hospital and Institute of Oncology in Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia

Since joining ERN GENTURIS, his ultimate goal in this field is to identify all HBOC risk cases in Latvia.

Read the interview here:

<https://www.genturis.eu/l=eng/News-and-events/ERN-GENTURIS-Spotlights.html>



## Meet prof. Antonis Kattamis

Prof. Antonis Kattamis is a professor of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology in "Aghia Sophia" Children's Hospital, Greece.

The key message he would like to share with the others is that working together is the best way to achieve significant tasks.

Read the interview here:

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## Solve-RD Public Symposium, 26 April 2023

The Solve-RD Public Symposium at the Solve-RD Final Meeting 2023: The Impact of Solve-RD on Research & Care of Rare Disease Patients took place in Prague, Czech Republic on 26 April.

ERN GENTURIS representatives (from the left): Nicoline Hoogerbrugge, Richarda de Voer, Stefan Aretz, Carla Oliveira, Laura Valle, Han Brunner, participated in the meeting. Lectures addressed the topics: "Towards the future of rare disease diagnostics" and "Impact of Solve-RD on research & care of rare disease patients".

The Solve-RD project is a collaboration of four European Reference Networks: ERN-RND, EURO-NMD, ITHACA and ERN GENTURIS.



## New disease summaries just published

Three new summaries explaining very rare predisposition syndromes are now available on our website:

- [Heditary Papillary Renal Cell Carcinoma](#)
- [Bloom syndrome](#)
- [Heditary Leiomyomatosis and Renal Cell Cancer](#)

**ESMO Preceptorship on Hereditary Cancer Genetics 2023**

The ESMO Preceptorship on Hereditary Cancer Genetics 2023 will be held on 29-30 September 2023 in Paris, France. The application deadline is **27 June**.

The course is co-chaired by ERN GENTURIS members Judith Balmaña and Nicoline Hoogerbrugge, and among the speakers are ERN GENTURIS members Stefan Aretz, Marjolijn Ligtenberg, Carla Oliveira and Rolf Sijmons and Supporting Partners Gareth Evans and Marc Tischkowitz.

This accredited educational course is primarily aimed at oncologists resident in Europe, but application is open to all ESMO members.

Instructions for how to apply can be found here: <https://www.esmo.org/meeting-calendar/esmo-preceptorship-on-hereditary-cancer-genetics-2023-paris>.

## Webinar:

Wednesday 24 May 2023, 16:00-17:00 CEST

Liquid biopsy is one of the buzz-phrases in medical literature as well as in advertisements and webpages from industry. Could liquid biopsy help us to detect cancer early? Hype or reality?

In this webinar we provide an introduction to the phenomenon of liquid biopsy and discuss if it might help in the surveillance of patients and families with inherited cancer predisposition.

Register: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1385824885482759000>



Rolf Sijmons, M.D. Ph.D., is a senior clinical geneticist at the familial cancer clinic of the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG), the Netherlands. He is professor of medical translational genetics at the department of genetics, UMCG and University of Groningen.

## Upcoming ERN GENTURIS webinars

07-6-2023

Gareth Evans

New ERN GENTURIS NF1 guidelines and update on NF2 and SCHWANOMA nomenclature

22-06-2023

Marieke de Laat

von Hippel-Lindau disease - the endocrinologist's perspective

For more information and registration, visit [www.genturis.eu](http://www.genturis.eu)



## ERN GENTURIS representatives at the BRCA 2023 Symposium

Our ERN GENTURIS representatives presented their work during the BRCA 2023 Symposium in Montréal, Canada.

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