

# Newsletter



European  
Reference  
Network

Genetic Tumour Risk Syndromes  
(ERN GENTURIS)

February 2021 | [www.genturis.eu](http://www.genturis.eu)

## ERN GENTURIS signed Supporting Partner Collaboration Agreements with 5 UK clinical experts

ERN GENTURIS has signed Supporting Partners Collaboration Agreements with five individual UK experts in the field of genetic tumour risk syndromes: Prof. Marc Tischkowitz, Prof. Gareth Evans, Prof. Rosalie Ferner, dr. Emma Woodward and Prof. Eamonn Maher. ERN GENTURIS and the individual UK experts agree to work in collaboration, where possible, on areas of common strategic interest.

Although the UK has signed a Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the European Union, this Agreement does not include continued alignment with the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive, within which the European Reference Networks (ERNs) were legally formed. This means that UK centres are no longer able to be Full Members in any of the 24 ERNs and do not have access to the CPMS anymore.



Prof. M. Tischkowitz

Prof. G. Evans

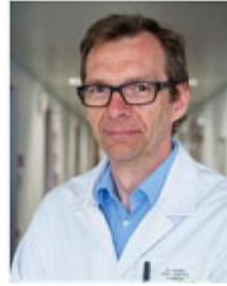
Prof. R. Ferner

Prof. E. Maher

Dr. E. Woodward

## Eric Legius and Judith Balmaña new Thematic Group leaders for Neurofibromatosis and HBOC

Following the Brexit, our former UK Full Member representatives Gareth Evans and Marc Tischkowitz have stepped down as Thematic disease Group chairs. Eric Legius (University Hospital Leuven) is the new chair for Thematic Group 1 Neurofibromatosis; Gareth Evans will stay available for advice and collaboration.



Prof. Dr. Eric Legius



Dr. Judith Balmaña

Judith Balmaña (Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology, Barcelona) is the new chair for Thematic Group 3 Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer, and Marc Tischkowitz will stay available for advice and collaboration.



### Webinar 'Germline mutations as a therapeutic target in breast cancer'

10 February, 16:00-17:00 CET  
Dr. Judith Balmaña, Barcelona

Dr. Balmaña is the head of the Hereditary Cancer Genetics Group at Vall d'Hebron Institute of Oncology (VHIO), Barcelona, and an attending physician at the Breast Cancer Unit in the Medical Oncology Department at Hospital Vall D'Hebron, Barcelona. This webinar will focus on 1) a summary of the biology of BRCA-associated breast tumours, which renders them sensitive to targeted therapies against DNA damage repair pathways, 2) an overview of the main studies providing evidence to treat these tumours with targeted drugs, and 3) challenges and mechanisms of resistance.

If you would like to attend this webinar, please register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3012667769297622032>



## Webinar 'Cancer Genetic Counselling and previvorship in an Era of Rapid Change'

24 February, 16:00-17:00 CET  
Dr. Ignacio Blanco Guillermo,  
Barcelona

Dr. Ignacio Blanco Guillermo is the Coordinator of the Spanish National Reference Center for Adult Patients with Facomatosis and the Spanish National Coordinator of GENTURIS. His research areas involve, among others, Neurofibromatosis and emotional aspects of genetic counselling in hereditary diseases. This webinar will focus on Cancer Genetic Counselling and the concept of Previvorship in the Next Generation Sequencing Era. The last couple of decades have seen the rapid advancement of genomic technologies and their equally rapid adoption into clinical testing. Geneticists and Genetic counsellors face new challenges and we will review some of the ethical, legal, and counselling issues surrounding disclosure of genetic information generated by NGS to patients with cancer and their relatives. Previvorship is a good example of these new challenges. Previvors are survivors of a predisposition to cancer who haven't had the disease. Individuals with a predisposition to cancer have their own unique needs and concerns separate from the general population, but different from those already diagnosed with cancer

If you would like to attend this webinar, please register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5677888353230077198>

---

### Upcoming webinars:

**17 March:** Von Hippel-Lindau disease: from clinic to gene and back – *Prof. Eamonn Maher, Cambridge*

**31 March:** Psychological aspects of the *TP53* related cancer syndromes – *Prof. Yvonne Brandberg*

For more information on these webinars or for registration, please visit [www.genturis.eu](http://www.genturis.eu).

---

## ERN GENTURIS Coordinating Center:

Radboud university medical center  
The Netherlands

[genturis@radboudumc.nl](mailto:genturis@radboudumc.nl)  
<https://www.genturis.eu>

## How to unsubscribe?

You received this newsletter because you are a contact of ERN GENTURIS. If you no longer wish to receive newsletters, please [unsubscribe](#).

