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**GENE TECHNOLOGY FORUM 2002**

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



## Personalized Medicine: Myth or Reality

September 13-14, 2002 | Tartu, Estonia

**S**ystematic advances in biomedical research enabled by genomics are expected to revolutionize medicine in the near future. Differences in individual genomes cause responses to drugs to vary considerably – “one size fits all” drug is not possible. The best strategy to discover the genetic basis for variation in health among human beings is through analysis of sequence variation in DNA.

Estonia is about to do just that. The Estonian Genome Project ([www.geenivaramu.ee](http://www.geenivaramu.ee)) has been launched in a clearly defined ethical and legal environment. The project aims to phenotype and genotype approximately 1 million individuals in Estonia. The genotype-phenotype database to be completed will serve as a valuable tool in population based post-genomic database driven drug discovery.

<b>PARTICIPATION FEE:</b>	EUR
<b>BY JUNE 25, 2002</b>	
Commercial .....	225
Academic .....	135
<b>BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2002</b>	
Commercial .....	250
Academic .....	150

Further details about the provisional programme, exhibition and registration at [www.geneforum.ee](http://www.geneforum.ee)  
Deadline for submission of abstracts for poster session is August 1, 2002

### GENE TECHNOLOGY FORUM 2002 WILL FOCUS ON:

**GENETICS, GENOMICS AND DISEASES**  
**GENETIC INFORMATION AND NEW ECONOMY**  
**GENETICS AND BIOETHICS**  
**ESTONIAN GENOME PROJECT**

### CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

- Prof. ANNE-LISE BØRRESEN-DALE, *Institute for Cancer Research, The Norwegian Radium Hospital, Norway*  
Dr. PAOLO BOFFETTA, *International Agency for Research on Cancer, France*  
Dr. MICHAEL D. CALDWELL, *Marshfield Medical Research Foundation, USA*  
Prof. DETLEV GANTEN, *Max-Delbrück Centre of Molecular Medicine, Germany*  
Prof. MARK LATHROP, *Centre National de Genotypage, France*  
Prof. ALEXANDRE MAURON, *University of Geneva, Switzerland*  
Prof. ANDRES METSPALU, *University of Tartu, Estonia*  
Prof. BRIGITTE FEUILLET-LE MINTIER, *Rennes University, France*  
Prof. AARNO PALOTIE, *Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UCLA, USA*  
Prof. LEENA PELTONEN, *Department of Human Genetics, UCLA, USA*  
Prof. IVAR ROOTS, *Institute of Clinical Pharmacology, Charité Clinics, Germany*  
Prof. ERWIN SCHURR, *McGill University, Canada*  
Prof. MATHIAS UHLEN, *The Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden*  
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