

22nd WORKSHOP OF THE INTERNATIONAL STROKE GENETICS CONSORTIUM

November 2- 3, 2017 Leeuwenbergh Utrecht, the Netherlands

Hosted by Ynte Ruigrok Co-hosted by Yoichiro Kamatani





Dear Colleagues,

It is an honor to invite you all to attend the 22nd Workshop of the International Stroke Genetics Consortium, hosted by Dr. Ynte Ruigrok with co-host Dr. Yoichiro Kamatani in Utrecht, the Netherlands on November 2-3, 2017. We are pleased to welcome you at the Leeuwenbergh venue, located in the beautiful medieval city center of Utrecht.

Utrecht is the beating heart of the Netherlands (located 20 mile-of the international airport Schiphol) with an ancient city center small enough to explore by foot. Utrecht features many buildings and structures, several dating as far back as the High Middle Ages. Utrecht's cityscape is dominated by the Dom Tower, the tallest belfry in the Netherlands. It is host to Utrecht University, the largest university in the Netherlands.

The ISGC is an international collaboration of physicians and scientists who have agreed to pool resources and expertise in an effort to unravel the genetic basis of stroke

and its comorbidities (http://www.strokegenetics.org). It was formed in 2007 by a small group of scientists and has since grown to over 200 members representing over 50 countries in North and South America, Europe, Australia, and Africa. The success of this initiative stems from the collaboration and engagement of its members, which is best expressed during the workshops where, twice a year, ISGC scientists meet to share their ideas and results.

The workshop will be held over 2 days and will include abstract sessions, working group reports on the progress of the scientific projects and new ideas, as well as invited lectures. The program will include enough time to socialize and explore the city during the social events, including dinner at the beautiful monumental University Hall which is the Utrecht University's ceremonial heart and its public face.

So please join us in the beautiful ancient city of Utrecht, the Netherlands. Please register for the scientific workshop and social activities at the ISGC website at http://www.strokegenetics.org/user/register. A block of rooms has been reserved at different hotels in the city center with a Best Rate Guarantee. On the registration site you will find a link which will give you access to book one of these rooms. The registration site also includes a link for attractive discounts on a wide range of fares on all Air France and KLM flights worldwide.

We look forward to seeing you on November 2-3, 2017!

Ynte Ruigrok and Yoichiro Kamatani



Dr. Ynte Ruigrok is a stroke neurologist at the University Medical Center Utrecht, the Netherlands. Her research focuses on the genetics and the familial risk of intracranial aneurysms.



Dr. Yoichiro Kamatani is a geneticist at Kyoto University and RIKEN Center for Integrative Medical Sciences, Japan.

REGISTRATION FEES

EARLY BIRD CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15 2017, 11.55 PM CST): \$200.00

LATE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
(AFTER SEPTEMBER 15^t 2017, 11.55 PM CST): \$245.00

Please register at the ISGC website at http://www.strokegenetics.org and then click the ISGC workshop tab and select the 'Workshop Registration' button. If any issues arise or you would like to pay by wire transfer, please contact the ISGC Convener Katherine Crawford at kcrawford2@partners.org.

LODGING

There are only small hotels within the city center of Utrecht and no single hotel can accommodate all participants. Therefore, a block of rooms has been reserved at five different hotels in the city center with a Best Rate Guarantee. On the registration site you can find the link https://bookingbydesign.com/index.php?c_id=172 which will give you access to book one of these rooms with Best Rate Guarantee.



NH -City Centre



Malie Hotel



Court Hotel

Apollo Hotel



Hotel Sleep Well

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

The final scientific program will be available one month prior to the workshop. There will be speakers from within ISGC, as well as guest speakers active in the field of genetics of complex diseases.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2017

8:00-8:50 Registration 8:50-11:15 Conference 11:15-11:35 BREAK 11:35-12:50 Conference 12:50-14:15 LUNCH 14:15-16:00 Conference

16:00-16:20 BREAK 16:20-17:05 Conference

17:30-19:00 Social activity: Canal tour 19:00 Dinner at the University Hall

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2017

8:30-10:30 Conference

10:30-10:50 BREAK

10:50-12:35 Conference

12:35-14:00 LUNCH

14:00-15:45 Conference

15:45-16:05 BREAK

16:05-16:45 Conference

17.30-18.00 Social activity: tour in beer brewery

'Stadskasteel Oudaen'

18.00 Dinner at 'Stadskasteel Oudaen'

ABSTRACT REGISTRATION

We are pleased to accept abstract submissions for the Houston ISGC Workshop. Please go to the Abstract registration link under the "ISGC Workshop" heading on the ISGC Website and go to the abstract submission form. We plan to include these abstracts in future publications of the proceedings of the ISGC.

For those members who wish to submit an abstract or oral or poster presentation at the workshop, you must submit an abstract by October 1st to be considered. You will be notified by email if your abstract is chosen for an oral presentation.

For those members who wish to submit an abstract or poster presentation only, you must submit an abstract by October 15th to be considered. You will be notified by email if your abstract is chosen for the poster session.

WORKSHOP SITE



<u>Leeuwenbergh</u> Servaasbolwerk 1a, 3512 NK Utrecht The Netherlands

The venue is located in the beautiful medieval city center of Utrecht. It was built in 1567 as a 'plague-house' and was later used (among others) as a barrack building, laboratory and church. It is now used for events and conferences.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

You can reach Utrecht by plane through <u>Schiphol</u>
<u>Amsterdam Airport</u> which is located approximately 21
miles of Downtown Utrecht

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HOW TO REACH UTRECHT FROM THE AIRPORT

By taxi

A taxi from Schiphol to Utrecht would normally cost around \$100 (\in 90) on the meter. Some companies can offer lower fixed fares. For example, local Utrecht taxi company UTC (+31(0)30 2300 400;

http://www.utc.nl/english/index_english.html) has a fixed \$66 (€59) Schiphol-Utrecht fare either way if booked in advance.

By train

There is a regular Intercity rail service (up to 4x hourly) from Schiphol Airport to Utrecht Central which first makes stops at Amsterdam Zuid and Amsterdam Bijlmer. The trains continue south to either Nijmegen (via Arnhem) or

Venlo (via 's-Hertogenbosch and Eindhoven). The Schiphol-Utrecht journey takes just over 30 minutes and costs around \$10 (\in 8.70) 2nd class and \$17 (\in 14.80) 1st class.

HOW TO REACH THE VENUE FROM THE DIFFERENT HOTELS

As the city center of Utrecht is small you may walk to the venue from your hotel.

You may also use the bus as public transportation. Using the website https://9292.nl/en (also available as an app, simply called 9292) you can easily find your way from door to door.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

To purchase tickets to the social activities, first register on the ISGC website at http://www.strokegenetics.org and then click the ISGC workshop tab and select the 'Workshop Registration' button. If any issues arise please contact the ISGC Convener Katherine Crawford at kcrawford2@partners.org.

SOCIAL EVENTS FEES:

Social activity on Thursday Nov 2nd 2017: Canal tour \$30.00

Dinner on Thursday Nov 2nd 2017 at the University Hall

\$62.50

Social activity on Friday Nov 3rd 2017: tour in beer brewery 'Stadskasteel Oudaen' \$12.00

<u>Dinner on Friday Nov 3rd 2017 at 'Stadskasteel Oudaen'</u> \$70.00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2017

Social Event, Canal Tour 17:30-19:00 PM

Social Dinner at the University Hall 19:00 PM

The beautiful monumental University Hall is the Utrecht University's ceremonial heart. We will have dinner in room 1636 which is the room where the receptions take place.



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2017

Social activity, tour in beer brewery 'Stadskasteel Oudaen' 17.30 – 18.00 PM

<u>Followed by social dinner 'Stadskasteel Oudaen'</u> 18:00 PM diner

The monumental Stadskasteel Oudaen, built in 1296 and located in the heart of Utrecht's city center, holds different restaurants and an own Brewery where different kind of beers are still brewed.



