

Qatar Biobank - part of QF-RDI - announces more details about the 2nd IBCQ2021 International Biobanking Conference's programme

Qatar Biobank - part of Qatar foundation-RDI - announces more details about the programme and the speakers amongst the 2nd IBCQ2021 international biobanking conference, taking place virtually this year in March 2021, in partnership with the European and Middle Eastern Society for Biopreservation and Biobanking (ESBB), and supported by BBMRI-ERIC, a European research infrastructure for biobanking, and the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER)



Doha, Qatar, February 21st, 2021: Qatar's second International Biobanking Conference 2021 is organized by Qatar Biobank - part of QF-RDI - in partnership with European and Middle Eastern Society for Biopreservation and Biobanking (ESBB) and supported by BBMRI-ERIC and ISBER to take place from March 8th to 10th, 2021 as a virtual conference, for the first time, around the theme: "Biobanks for Precision Care - Lessons Learned from Global Crises". The conference will bring together international experts in biobanking, genomics, and personalized medicine from around the world as well as a group of the Qatari and international biobanking community members together to highlight their achievements and progress, with a focus on precision medical care and lessons learned from global crises, such as the global pandemic, COVID-19.

The conference aims to bring together leading scientists, researchers, industry experts, biobanking experts, genomics, and students both in Qatar and globally to discuss precision medicine and respond to global crises and raise awareness of the latest technologies and trends in the global biobanking sector. It also aims to encourage sharing the best practices within the biobanking community in combating the current COVID-19 virus as well as discussing different responses to global pandemics and crises.

During the conference, a group of experts and leaders from Qatar will highlight the local system in place to fight the global pandemic, and the role of Qatar Biobank in dealing with this pandemic, as well as showcasing the progress Qatar made over the past few years in biobanking and genomics to a wider international audience, including students, researchers and experts. Moreover, a group of global biobanking experts who have important and prominent roles in facing the current global pandemic will share the best practices within Biobanking community in fighting the current COVID 19 virus as well as discuss different responses to global pandemics and crises.

Mohammed H. Al Dosari, Communications & Recruitment Participant & Manager at Qatar Biobank, commented on the conference: “More than 40 scientists and biobanking and precision medicine experts will be participating in the conference, as speakers and moderators, to discuss various topics that will benefit the attendees of the conference.” He also explained the importance of the conference at the global level: “The conference is important for the exchange of different experiences between members of the biobanking community in Qatar and around the world to benefit from that, to develop accurate health care, especially in light of the circumstances and challenges that the world is currently facing a global crisis, which is Covid-19. It will also serve as a platform for students, researchers and experts worldwide to present the results of their research and new ideas in the field of biobanks, and to discuss them with a group of pioneering scientists in this field globally in order to benefit and exchange experiences.

Medical students, scientists, researchers, industry experts, biobanking and genomics experts and the public from Qatar and around the world are encouraged to register for the conference through the website: www.ibcq2021.com

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