

Interview about The 2nd IBCQ International Biobanking Conference 2021

1. We'd like to start off by asking you about The 2nd IBCQ International Biobanking Conference 2021

The conference is one of many partnerships Qatar Biobank, Part of QF-RDI, have with the European and Middle Eastern Society for Biopreservation and Biobanking (ESBB). It's taking place from 8th to 10 March 2021 with the support of the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER) and the Biobanking and BioMolecular Resources Research Infrastructure (BBMRI-ERIC)

It's a 3-day event, taking place virtually this year so we can still bring Qatar's and international Biobanking community together although the current challenges and circumstances taking place all over the world due to Covid-19

The conference is featuring many national and international experts in biobanking, genomics, and personalized medicine, with a focus on precision medicine care and the lessons learned from global crises, such as the current global pandemic (COVID-19)

The conference will highlight the national efforts exerted so far to fight the global pandemic and encourage best practice sharing within the international Biobanking community in fighting the current COVID-19 virus as well as discuss different responses to global pandemics and crises

The conference will also showcase the progress Qatar made over the past few years in biobanking and genomics to a wider international audience

2. Who can attend the conference?

Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, allied health professionals, scientists, researchers, academics, students, industry professionals and experts involved in the field of biobanking, genomics or large research data management can attend to exhibit their research findings, network with a range of leading scientists from around the world and they will be able to earn up to 16.75 CPD points by the end of the conference based on their attendance and participation during the conference

3. What is the aim of this conference?

The aim is to highlight the system in place in Qatar to fight the global pandemic and showcase the progress made over the past few years in biobanking and genomics to a wider international audience to encourage best practice sharing within Biobanking community in fighting the current COVID 19 virus and the different responses to similar global pandemics and crises

We would like also to help in raising awareness of the newest technologies and trends

in the global biobanking sector and help students, researchers, and experts globally to exhibit their research findings and new ideas in the field of biobanking
This will be achieved by bringing together leading scientists, researchers, industry experts, biobanking and genomics experts, and students from Qatar and around the world to be able to discuss precision medicine and responses to global crises similar to the current Covid-19 pandemic

4. How can the audience register to attend the Conference?

Anyone interested in the topics of the conference can visit the website www.ibcq2021.com to know more about the conference programme and the registration details. However, to make it easy for them to register, audience from inside Qatar and GCC can apply through our online registration link <https://bit.ly/IBCQ2021LocalAttendee>, while international Audience can use this link <https://bit.ly/IBCQ2021InternationalAttendee>