

Interview about The 2nd IBCQ International Biobanking Conference 2021

1. First of all please tell us more about the coming big event for Qatar Biobank.

We see it as one of our critical roles as the first Biobank in the Middle East to help in raising the awareness of the newest technologies and trends in the global biobanking sector. Therefore, Qatar Biobank is organizing the 2nd IBCQ International Biobanking Conference 2021, in partnership with the European and Middle Eastern Society for Biopreservation and Biobanking (ESBB) and with 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, featuring an international group of experts on biobanking, genomics, and personalized medicine from around the world, with a focus on precision medicine care and the lessons learned from global crises, such as the global pandemic (COVID-19)

2. When and where will the 2nd IBCQ International Biobanking Conference take place?

It will take place between 8-10 March in a virtual format conference so we can still bring Qatar's and international Biobanking community together although the current challenges the whole world is facing due to Covid-19

3. Who can attend the conference?

Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, allied health professionals, scientists, researchers, academics and industry professionals involved in the field of biobanking, genomics or large research data management can attend and they will be able to earn up to 16.75 CPD

4. What's the conference about?

The 2nd IBCQ International Biobanking Conference 2021 will be tackling global discussions around the theme: *BIOBANKING FOR PRECISION CARE & LESSONS LEARNED FROM GLOBAL CRISES and PANDEMICS*. It will also serve as a platform for students, researchers, and experts globally to exhibit their research findings and new ideas in the field of biobanking, and network with a range of leading scientists from around the world to help further their interest in this field

5. What's the objective of this conference?

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

6. What will the audience benefit at the end of the conference?

They will have the chance to discuss the response to the COVID 19 pandemic from a local and international perspective and the different approaches highlighted adopted by biobanks to ensure long term survival and sustainability to support precision medicine research

7. How to register for the 2nd IBCQ International Biobanking Virtual Conference?

This activity is a Category 1 - Accredited Group Learning Activity as defined by the Department of Healthcare Professions - Accreditation Section and is approved for 16.75 hours. Audience from inside Qatar can apply through our online registration link <https://bit.ly/IBCQ2021LocalAttendee>, while international Audience can use this link <https://bit.ly/IBCQ2021InternationalAttendee>

8. What will the audience gain towards the end of the conference?

Attendance Certificate will be issued on the completion of evaluation, feedback forms for each session attended and CPD credits, up to 16.75 CPD points, will be awarded based on attendance recorded for each session