



## HGM NEWSLETTER



### HUMAN GENOME MEETING (HGM) 2025

"From Africa to the World: Exploring African Diversity through Human Genomes"

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

JOIN US IN DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA IN 2025!

Visit Our Website  
<https://hugo-hgm2025.org/>

### Early-Bird Registration has opened!

Register now to secure early bird rates! Limited time offer.

HGM2025 will be held in Durban, South Africa on 11 - 14 March, 2025.

The symposiums, workshops, exhibition, welcome reception will be held in the many meeting venues at Southern Sun Elangeni Maharani Hotel, an iconic hotel in Durban from 12 - 14 March. The Trainee Symposium Day for students, post-docs, and early-career researchers will be held on March 11th at University of Kwazulu-Natal.

We're excited to have you join us for a day of learning, networking, and growth. Enjoy the symposium and experience the natural landscapes and special features of Durban!

REGISTER NOW

Travel grants for students/post-docs and early-career researchers from LMIC countries are available.

Please [register and submit abstracts](#) to be awarded with travel grants.

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## PLENARY SPEAKERS



**AMBROISE WONKAM**

**"Hemoglobinopathies"**  
Johns Hopkins School of  
Medicine & University of Cape  
Town, USA



**COLLET DANDARA**

**"Data Governance"**  
University of Cape Town & H3Africa  
DBAC (Data and Biospecimen Access  
Committee), South Africa



**RIZWANA MIA**

**"110,000 Genomes in Africa"**  
South African Research Council,  
South Africa

## HUMAN GENOME MEETING 2025



11 - 14 March  
Durban, South Africa



### EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

Variant Interpretation

All About Tools (OMIM, ClinGen, ClinVar)

Ethics

*\*March 12, Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel*

## SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS & ABSTRACT TOPICS

Pharmacogenomics

Implementation Challenges in Rare Disease

Bioinformatics (Machine Learning) and Artificial Intelligence for Molecular Medicine

Cancer Genomics

Single–Cell Genomics and Diversity

Human Genome Co-evolution and Population Genetics

Implementation of Precision Medicine in African / LMIC Context

Epigenetics and Environmental Genomics

Microbiome and Metagenomics

Ethical, Legal and Social Implications (ELSI)

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## Enjoy the Trainee Symposium Day!

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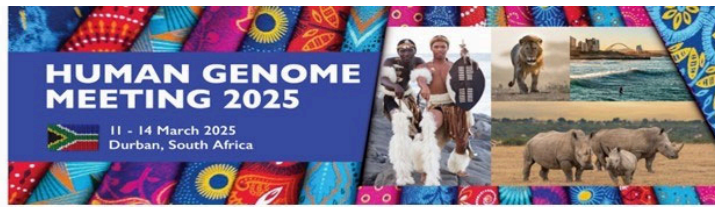
Seize the opportunity for;

- Oral Presentation only for students / post-docs / junior faculties
- Mentoring session with Academic & Industry Mentors
- “HOW TO” Series
  - How to write a grant / How to write a paper
- Seminar and Q&A session with Journal Editors



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# Oral Presentation

by students / post-docs / early-career researchers

Join us for an engaging oral presentation at HGM2025, specially designed with students, post-docs, and early-career researchers

We invite students, post-docs and early-career researchers to attend a special oral presentation at HGM2025. This session is designed to enrich your understanding and spark meaningful discussions with experts and peers. It's a unique opportunity for students to engage with the latest research, ask questions, and broaden their academic perspectives.

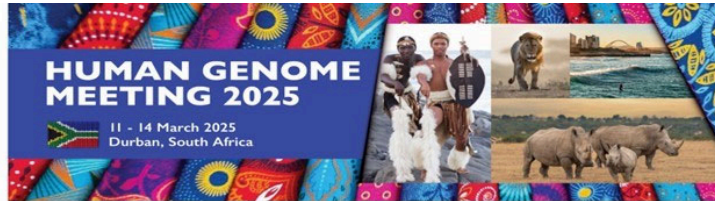
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# Mentoring Session

with Academic / Industry Mentors

Join this session to receive personalized guidance from seasoned academic and industry mentors. You'll gain insights into career development, research opportunities, and the skills needed to excel in your field. Whether you're deciding between academia and industry, or seeking advice on advancing your career, this session offers valuable perspectives to help you make informed decisions and achieve your professional goals.

## Academic Mentors

Invited Speakers  
 HUGO Executive Board Members  
 Ada Hamosh, Johns Hopkins University  
 Piero Carninci, Human Technopole  
 Anne Bowcock, Mount Sinai  
 Juergen Reichardt, James Cook University  
 Iscia Lopes-Cendes, University of Campinas

## Industry Mentors

Ami Bhatt, Stanford University  
 Jin Billy Li, Stanford University  
 Michael Snyder, Stanford University  
*Don't miss your chance to engage with Silicon Valley's leading biotech professors — experts who blend cutting-edge research with real-world industry experience*



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## “HOW TO” Series

Don't miss this key session on securing project funding!

### How to write a grant : Drafting persuasive proposal

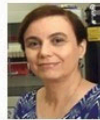
In this session, you will learn practical strategies and techniques for crafting compelling grant proposals that stand out to funders, presented by lecturers with proven success record. From identifying key elements of a successful proposal to mastering persuasive writing, this session will equip you with the tools and knowledge needed to increase your chances of success. Whether you're new to grant writing or looking to refine your skills, this session offers valuable insights to help you secure the funding you need.

### How to write a paper : Crafting Impactful Academic Articles

In this session, you will discover practical methods and approaches for creating academic papers that captivate reviewers. We'll delve into the critical components of a well-organized manuscript and the techniques for achieving clear, convincing academic writing. This session aims to equip you with the strategies and knowledge necessary to improve your chances of publication. You will find valuable tips to enhance the presentation of your research.



Juergen Reichardt  
James Cook University



Ischia Lopes-Cendes  
University of Campinas



Anne Bowcock  
Mount Sinai



Ada Hamosh  
Johns Hopkins University



## Seminar and Q&A with Journal Editors

In this session, you will hear directly from experienced journal editors about what they look for in submissions, common pitfalls to avoid, and how to navigate the peer-review process. The interactive Q&A portion allows you to ask specific questions and receive personalized advice on how to increase your chances of getting published. Whether you are an early-career researcher or looking to refine your publication strategy, this session offers crucial insights to help you succeed.



Laura Zahn  
Cell Genomics



Nonia Pariente  
PLOS Biology



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## TRAINEE SYMPOSIUM

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## 2025 HUGO Awards Call for Nomination

Nominate yourself or your colleagues for the prestige awards!  
Don't forget to fill in the form and submit until the deadline.

2025

HUGO  
AWARDS

Apply Now

The Human Genome Organization, Dr. Yuan-Tsong Chen, Mrs. Alice Chen and Inqaba Biotechnical Industries are pleased to announce submissions for 2023 HUGO awards:

Chen Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement  
in Human Genetics and Genomic Research

\$ 10,000 USD

Chen Award of Excellence

\$ 5,000 USD

Chen Award of Excellence

\$ 5,000 USD

HUGO African Prize

\$ 5,000 USD

SUBMISSION DEADLINE is November 30, 2024  
AWARD CEREMONY will be held at HGM2025

Visit our website for nomination forms, submission details and guidelines:  
[www.hugo-international.org](http://www.hugo-international.org)  
For more information, please contact [admin@hugo-international.org](mailto:admin@hugo-international.org)  
Candidates must be a HUGO member



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