

OPEN ACCESS AND DATA SHARING IN GENOMICS

PFGS Regional Seminar

the ETHOX centre

27 June 2008, St Anne's College, Oxford

The seminar will explore the ethical, legal and social issues arising from changes in the way in which research data is shared in genomic sciences.

Genomic research produces very large volumes of genomic data, often linked to personal and clinical information. Increasingly, such data is released publicly for use by the scientific community, in the expectation that such an 'open access' model will promote scientific collaboration and use of this data. But the unrestricted access to large genomic databases raises ethical, legal and social issues that need to be addressed. We intend to explore these issues in the seminar, and will focus in particular on open access implications for:

- Scientific Practice;
- Research Participants and the Public;
- Legal frameworks; and
- International Collaborative Research.

This meeting will have two plenary sessions, the first of which will focus on the implications of open access data sharing for everyday research practice. This session will explore, amongst others, the implications of open access for rewarding individual research contributions. Ralph Schroeder and Eric Meyer of the Oxford Internet Institute will give this plenary session.

The second plenary session will see Graham Lewis from the Science and Technology Studies Unit (SATSU) at the University of York report on his work investigating public attitudes to data sharing in the context of the UK Biobank.

In addition, three post-graduate speakers will present their work at this seminar. If you are interested in presenting your work at this meeting please send us an abstract (max 200 words) by Monday 19 May 2008.

For further information about this meeting, or to register, please contact Naomi Hawkins (Naomi.Hawkins@law.ox.ac.uk). The seminar is limited to 30 participants.

PFGS offers this workshop free of charge, and funds are available to subsidize travel. Please contact Naomi Hawkins for more information



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