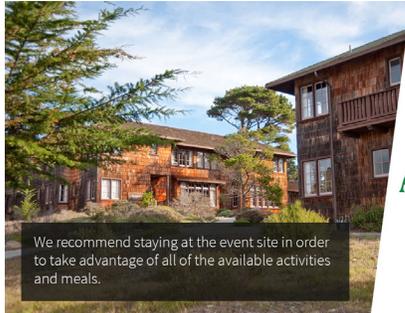




IHIWS CONNECTS

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Welcome to the fourth issue of IHIWS Connects, the newsletter for the 17th International Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Workshop and Conference. We'd like to update you on the latest developments for the components, as well as provide the informations you will need to register to attend the 17th IHIWS.

Workshop and Conference Registration / Lodging

Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove CA, USA
Workshop: Sept 6 – 10, 2017

Registration link: <http://ihiws.org/event-registration>

Registration Fee:
Regular (by 6/23) | \$750
Late (By 8/18) | \$900

- The registration fee includes:
- Admission to all workshop sessions
 - Coffee/tea breaks
 - Admission to all workshop social events, including:
 - Welcome reception on 9/6
 - Closing “strolling dinner” reception on 9/9

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE LIMITED:
Book your accommodations by 8/1/17 at Asilomar using the conference room block:
<https://aws.passkey.com/e/49031649>.

OFFSITE ATTENDEES ONLY: If you are not staying at Asilomar, you must purchase the mandatory meal plan – fill out & return form [HERE](#).

VISAS: If you require a visa invitation letter emailed to you to enter the US, please register first, then contact us at meetingplanning@stanford.edu.

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Event Dates & Locations

17th International Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics Workshop and Conference

September 6–10, 2017
Asilomar Conference Grounds
800 Asilomar Ave
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The Stanford Histocompatibility, Immunogenetics, and Disease Profiling Laboratory (HIDPL) performs state of the art and cutting edge histocompatibility and genetic testing for solid organ and bone marrow transplantation as well as for disease associations and drug resistance/susceptibility. The HIDPL offers a wide selection of testing services, has an active research and development program and houses and curates a bio-repository of patient specimens. It primarily services the Stanford Hospital and Clinics and the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital but also performs services for outside centers (e.g., Kaiser). It is accredited by the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics (ASHI), CLIA, and the state of CA for high complexity testing. The HIDPL performs greater than 60,000 tests per year and employs a staff of more than 50 full-time employees.

Histocompatibility,
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Profiling Laboratory



Latest Component Updates

Laboratories Participating

To date, 152 laboratories from 38 different countries have registered to participate in the different 17th IHIWS Components and Projects. The laboratories and organizations participate by contributing samples, data or analysis.

Samples Registration

To date, 7305 samples have been registered in the database. We are in the process of registering 40-50,000 more in the coming weeks.

If you have not registered your samples in the database, please do so as soon as possible. Samples MUST be registered prior to uploading associated NGS HLA or SAB testing data.

To register samples in the database, access the database at Register Samples, select Lab Member, select Maintain Sample Profiles, Select Create a Sample or Batch Import (to upload multiple samples at one time), then follow instructions as you proceed.

The Laboratory contributing the samples is responsible for registering the samples in the database. The system generates an internal workshop ID which can then be used to label the samples. The Laboratory performing the testing uses the Internal WS ID to upload the corresponding test data.

For Family Studies, the relevant pedigrees MUST be created. The Laboratory contributing the samples is responsible for creating the pedigrees in the database. Select Lab Member, select Maintain Pedigrees, select Import a PED file, and follow instructions as you proceed. Pedigrees can only be uploaded for samples already registered in the system.

Detailed instructions are found in our website at [Instructions to Enter IHIWS Samples Profile](#).

NGS HLA Data Uploaded

To date, 2271 GL strings have been uploaded.

A key goal of the workshop is to collect NGS genotyping information in a standardized format that includes GL String, consensus and locus data. To this end, a Vendor Summit was organized last year to agree on the format and standards.

Details on the agreed standards are available on our website at [Vendor Summit Conclusions](#).

We invite Laboratories who have generated NGS HLA typing data to start uploading HLA typing in the database. The deadline to submit data is quickly approaching. Check your individual projects for the specific dates.

The most effective way to upload NGS HLA typing data is by importing it via an IHIWS compatible file. We have worked with the various vendors of NGS genotyping software platforms to generate reports that can be easily converted to IHIWS XML reports ready to upload into the database.

If you have data that needs to be uploaded into our database, contact your vendor to make sure you are using the correct software version that generates compatible reports. For specific instructions, download instructions from our website at [Instructions for IHIWS Typing Report](#) or contact Tamara.Vayntrub@stanford.edu to request assistance.

Learn more on our website: ihiws.org

18th IHIWS Proposals

We are requesting proposals for the 18th IHIWS from the HLA and Immunogenetics Community.

If you would like to propose a theme, host, city and/or timeline for the 18th IHIWS, please fill out the proposal form here: ihiws.org/18th-ihiws-suggestion-box.

The IHIWS Council will review and vote on proposals submitted during the 17th IHIWS.

18th IHIWS Proposals

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