

This is intended to be a regular news page to all delegates who attended the June Human Variome Project Meeting and to others to let them know what is happening. This will be emailed and put on the website. Comments and other suggestions are welcome. Some of this will be a repeat of earlier points that were not widely circulated.

1. The programme, pre-circulated material, presentations, transcripts and available summaries are on the website for those who have been issued with the username and password.
2. Progress will necessarily be slow for several reasons:
 - a) Rania Horiatis is on maternity leave until the 14th of August when she will return to part-time work. This still leaves us severely under-staffed.
 - b) The northern holiday season has caused slow responses and thus slowed down decisions
 - c) The time involved in getting funding – however Kate Phillips will be helping out part-time until December.
3. Both our State and Federal Government have shown interest and received our early document on the 30th June. We are now preparing a long, structured document for our State Government which will be submitted the week of July 31st.
4. A Planning Group is being put together at present and this should be known by mid-August. Working Groups will then follow.
5. Official recommendations are being generated for each session and are due mid-August.
6. Manuscripts are being prepared on all 8 sessions and will be published in relevant journals. These are due July 31st but will likely be delayed. Volunteers for authors outside Chairs and Co-chairs are welcome.
7. Sue Povey has suggested / transmitted the need for an elevator speech of 1-2 lines to promote the cause and Donna Maglott has already provided one. More are welcome and we will document them.
8. A one page version of the goals of the project has also been suggested by Sue and she says that she will try to do one. Other volunteers please.
9. If at anytime you see something that should be done, is not being done, or something being done that you do not like, please contact R. Cotton.