



# THE HUMAN VARIOME PROJECT

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## **Major News**

Nature Genetics has offered to publish the Human Variome Project Meeting recommendations. They are also offering to co-develop a poster to be distributed with their Nature Research journals. They will allow the copyright to remain with the Human Variome Project.

## **Other News**

1. We have a 15 minute meeting with the Victorian Treasurer on October 18, which is great news.
2. The recommendations are almost ready to be declared final for publication. Only three people have not yet sent their formal approval.
3. Dick Cotton has started to write a Concept Project Plan so that potential funders can see the detail of what is proposed.
4. The Planning Group is almost complete and we are starting to form the Working Groups. Volunteers are welcome.
5. Dick Cotton visited the Wellcome Foundation (UK), the MRC (UK), NCBI, NHGRI, Science magazine, a US lobbyist and Google September 5-8 with members of the consortium. We thank them for that. It is fair to say that there was good interest from all parties and they all are or will be approached again.
6. Four grant applications have been put into local charities for seed and bridging funding and one application has been sent to the Open Society.

7. We have over 40 excellent support letters and we thank all of you who sent them in. More support letters are welcome.
8. We are about to start preparing the brochure that UNESCO is going to fund.
7. Next week is the American Society of Genetics' annual meeting in New Orleans. We have a poster on the HVP (No 1271A) and another on on Locus Specific Database (No. 1072C). You are also welcome to visit the Human Genome Variation Society booth (No. 931). Dick Cotton will give an update on the HVP at the HGVS meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. (register at [www.hgvs.org](http://www.hgvs.org) or onsite). The HGVS Board members and the HVP Planning Committee are planning to meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October at 5.00 – 6.30 pm but you will have to get the venue to be determined from Rania ([rania@gdrc.hfi.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:rania@gdrc.hfi.unimelb.edu.au) or at the HGVS booth 931).