



# THE HUMAN VARIOME PROJECT

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### **News**

1. The Business Plan commissioned by the Victorian State Government was completed by Deloitte's and has now been sent to the Government with a meeting due in the next weeks.
2. Dick Cotton presented the Human Variome Project in a session Chaired by Mike Watson at the American College of Medical Genetics (Nashville, March 22-25) which initiated useful discussions.
3. Dick Cotton presented the Human Variome Project in a workshop at the International Society for Gastrointestinal Hereditary Tumours (InSight) in Yokohama (March 27-30) Chaired by Finlay Macrae.
4. The Insight group has initiated a plan under the banner of the Human Variome Project to integrate all databases involving 10 genes in one unit. This is being led by John Burn and the current team of curators.
5. Professor Joji Utsunomiya, famous for his pouch operation on the colon, has initiated grant applications to launch the Japanese branch of the Human Variome Project.
6. The publication on April 4<sup>th</sup> in Nature Genetics of a major group of papers ([www.nature.com/ng/](http://www.nature.com/ng/)) is very exciting and will assist in giving the Human Variome Project a high profile worldwide. Included are the Recommendations of the Melbourne Human Variome Project Meeting (copyright free), an Editorial, the listing of Locus Specific DataBases, an Editorial and paper by David Ravine et al on errors in the literature reports of mutations. I am sure all appreciate this outstanding support by Nature Genetics.
7. Other papers of interest; please could anyone publishing or finding relevant material could they advise us for inclusion in the Bulletin if they wish.
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