

CERTIFICATE IN MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

Under the auspices of the Belgian Society of Pathology (BSP), Working group Molecular Pathology

FIRST ANNOUCEMENT

The ability of a pathologist to understand molecular diagnostic testing has become critical to the profession. Knowledge of methodology and understanding molecular alterations – inherited or not – is imperative for the current and future pathologist.

This program teaches molecular diagnostics in various components and formats and provides an unique opportunity to meet professionals, highly experienced in molecular diagnostics through lectures and laboratory courses. Since this course is focused on a limited number of participants, you will be guided and supported continuously and will be able to get interaction with teachers and the other participants.

This training is primarily intended for graduated pathologists that are regularly involved in clinical decision making where knowledge of molecular pathology is mandatory. This course is also complementary to the residents' course in molecular pathology. Previous participation to the residents' course is recommended.

The program is modular. One can select one or more half days. However, in order to obtain the Certificate in Molecular Pathology, one must attend at least 4 of the 6 half days of the program and follow a two day practical stage in a molecular lab of choice (time & location). The Certificate in Molecular Pathology will be reached after a final conversation with the course director.

Program with dates and venues:

Module 1. Saturday January 25th 2020 – UA, Antwerpen

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| 09.30 – 10.20 | Molecular pathology of the upper digestive tract, including liver, biliary tract and pancreas cancers |
| 10.20 – 11.10 | Molecular pathology of the lower gastrointestinal tract cancers |
| 11.10 – 11.40 | Coffee Break |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | HR of the molecular pathology lab |

Module 2. Saturday March 21th 2020 – UCL, Brussels

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| 09.30 – 10.20 | Molecular pathology of breast cancers |
| 10.20 – 11.10 | Molecular pathology of gynecologic cancers |
| 11.10 – 11.40 | Coffee Break |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | Ethics of genomics |

Module 3. Saturday May 9th 2020 – ULB, Anderlecht

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| 09.30 – 10.20 | Molecular pathology of lymphomas |
| 10.20 – 11.10 | Molecular pathology of thyroid and head & neck cancers |
| 11.10 – 11.40 | Coffee Break |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | Quality issues in molecular pathology |

Module 4. Saturday in autumn 2020 – KUL, Leuven

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| 09.30 – 10.20 | Molecular pathology of lung cancers |
| 10.20 – 11.10 | Molecular pathology of urologic cancers |
| 11.10 – 11.40 | Coffee Break |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | Reimbursement roles of molecular pathology |

Module 5. Saturday in winter 2020 – UA, Antwerpen

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| 09.30 – 10.20 | Molecular pathology of sarcomas and melanomas |
| 10.20 – 11.10 | Molecular pathology of brain tumors |
| 11.10 – 11.40 | Coffee Break |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | Importance of bioinformatics in molecular pathology |

Module 6. Saturday in spring 2021 – ULB, Anderlecht

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| 09.30 – 10.20 | Hereditary cancer syndromes |
| 10.20 – 11.10 | Epigenetic alterations in cancer |
| 11.10 – 11.40 | Coffee Break |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | Predictive factors in immunotherapy |

Exact locations of the venues will be communicated later. Reception with coffee from 9 AM.

Registration and fee

The registration fee per half day module is 250 EUR incl. VAT.

The registration fee for the entire program (= 6 modules + 2 day practical stage) is 1500 EUR incl. VAT.

The fee includes course materials, coffee breaks and light lunches.

Important notice: Given the number is limited to 20 participants per module, priority will be given to the participants of the entire program. Registration to a selection of modules or to the entire program should be done before January 10th 2020. The registration need to be confirmed by the course director and will be definitive after payment of the registration. First come first served rule is in force. Self-employed pathologists can use the *KMO-portefeuille (Vlaanderen) / chèques-entreprises (Wallonie)* for subsidy (or subsidize?) this course.

Accreditation RIZIV/ INAMI will be available.

Registration by sending an e mail to: herwig.van.dijck@telenet.be. Registration 'll be followed by a confirmation mail and definitive after payment.