

Record of training for teachers on 4th October 2007

On October the 4th, the NCL-foundation organized the first training for teachers, with the title “human DNA-mutations: diagnosis and therapy applying biotechnical instruments”. Topics were gene diagnosis, gene therapy and genetic counseling. Furthermore there was a talk about the different forms of NCL and their therapeutic approaches.

22 teachers from different schools of Hamburg participated. It was a collaboration with Heike Elvers from the „Landesinstitut für Lehrerbildung und Schulentwicklung“.

Speakers were experts with practical experience. Dr. Hiltrud-Marschner-Schäfer together with her colleague Dr. Michael Kutsche from „Fachlabor für molekulargenetische Diagnostik“ in Hamburg told the teachers about genetic diagnosis and their daily work. Especially the course of counseling interviews, in which patients were elucidated about aspects of prenatal diagnostics, was of major interest. Dr. Angela Schulz from the university hospital Hamburg-Eppendorf (UKE) gave a lecture on different forms of Batten disease and their diagnostic issues.

All speakers contributed to education about NCL-diseases and furthermore to raise awareness about the foundation.

We wanted the teachers to evaluate the event. Altogether the evaluation result was very well. We hope to arrange another training next year.

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