

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
DEVELOPMENTAL ANATOMY AND PATHOLOGY**
Liblice, Czech Republic
22 – 25 September 2011

Programme Organizing Committee (POC) – international:

- Yen Ho (London, United Kingdom)
- Diego Franco (Jaen, Spain)
- Robert Kelly (Marseille, France)
- Thomas Brand (London, United Kingdom)
- David Sedmera (local organizer, Prague, Czech Republic)
- Antoon Moorman (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- Cristina Basso (Padua, Italy)
- Maurice Van den Hoff (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Sessions and invited speakers for the WG meeting

Person	Session title
1. Eric Raddatz, Marco DeRuiter	Function of developing heart (Thursday)
2. Jose Maria Perez-Pomares	Epicardium and coronary development
3. Antoon Moorman	Cardiac Growth
4. Robert Kelly	Cardiac Progenitors
5. Lucile Miquerol	Conduction System
6. Mary Sheppard, Cristina Basso	Pathology 1
7. Yen Ho, Lucile Houyel	Pathology 2 /Hands-on (Thursday)
8. Bohusla Ostadal, Diego Franco	POSTER SESSION (Friday PM)
9. Shoumo Bhattacharya	Laterality
10. Antonio Baldini	Genetics

Deadline:

Registration and abstract submission: **1 May 2011**. Selected abstracts will be chosen for oral presentations.

Abstracts should be submitted as Word documents or PDF files that fit at most 3/4 of A4 page by e-mail to David.Sedmera@lf1.cuni.cz

Numbers are limited to 120, so please register early.

Tentative schedule:

Thursday, September 22: arrival, morning – optional tour of the Comparative Anatomy Museum at the Institute of Anatomy, Prague (description appended at the end) followed by lunch (on people's own) at a [nearby microbrewery](#) (tour possible).

Afternoon, two sessions with coffee break spiced up by local people's posters. One will be hands-on Anatomy Pathology session with hearts from different species in a dissection room, the other Function of developing heart.

At around 6 PM (by which time even the late migrants should reach us) bus to Liblice, get-together party there.

Friday: sessions (2 AM, 2 PM including posters). Evening walk through a nearby town of Melnik, dinner in wine cellar (almost the northern most extent of wine growing in Europe!).

Saturday: sessions, 2 AM, 2 PM, posters on display, farewell party with awards

Sunday: optional tour to [the sandstone rock labyrinth of Kokorinsko](#), bus to Prague/airport (one morning, one afternoon)

The [Museum of Human and Comparative anatomy](#) is located in the historical building of the [Prague Institute of Anatomy](#). It houses principally collection of human normal and abnormal specimens and models from the 19th and 20th centuries, but even older ones are on display. Evolution of conservation techniques, from casting using organic solutions to plastination can be appreciated. Numerous comparative vertebrate specimens covering all classes were added mainly throughout the 20th century. Today, we keep adding selected specimens valuable for comparative purposes, either through gifts or as models (e.g. from BoneClones). The museum is organized scientifically and is used for teaching of medical and dental students, but also for other interested parties. It is not publicly accessible, and the only way to visit is through customized guided walks organized for groups.

We offer two partially overlapping "tours", centered either around comparative anatomy of dentition (influenced by animal's diet), or comparative anatomy of limbs (influenced by the mode of locomotion or other adaptations). Tour duration will be approximately 90 minutes, and group size is limited to 20 people. There are some stairs to climb, but there is an elevator completed last June.

There is a wealth of rather unique juvenile and fetal human specimens, including some examples of congenital anomalies and variations. The figure below shows our "most popular" skull of cyclops – holoprosencephaly.

We are looking forward to see you in September!

For the LOC,

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