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Europe Biobank Week 2018: Biosharing for Scientific Discovery

Co-organised by BBMRI-ERIC and ESBB, **Europe Biobank Week 2018** will take place in Antwerp, Belgium, from the 4th until the 7th September 2018.

Building on the momentum of [Global Biobank Week](#) in Stockholm this year, 2018 will see yet another edition of [Europe Biobank Week](#) (EBW). One of the most significant biobanking conferences worldwide, this event provides an exciting and unique opportunity for the biobanking community to discuss the future challenges for biobanking, network and explore new prospects for cooperation and collaboration. While this year's conference focussed on harmonisation, the theme for 2018 will be **Biosharing for Scientific Discovery**.

"I am so proud to be chairing EBW 2018. We will make this an even more interactive and exciting programme for all to enjoy. Delegates will not only benefit from the experience of our speakers but also gain an insight into the experiences of other attendees – speed-dating sessions and panel discussions will be utilised to enable knowledge share and facilitate the exchange of ideas pertinent to biobanking." – **Balwir Matharoo-Ball**, President of ESBB and Chair of the Europe Biobank Week 2018 Steering Committee

We look forward to welcoming biobanking experts, scientists, policymakers, patient representatives, sponsoring partners and the wider scientific community at Europe Biobank Week in Antwerp next year!

Online registration will open on the 31st January, with abstract submission opening on the 28th February. Early-bird tickets will be available. More information: www.europebiobankweek.eu

Become a partner: Different sponsorship options are available, ranging from platinum to custom packages. [Please click here for more information.](#)

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Note to editors:**Biobanking and BioMolecular resources Research Infrastructure – European Research Infrastructure Consortium (BBMRI-ERIC)**

BBMRI-ERIC is a research infrastructure for biobanks and biomolecular resources. It currently consists of 19 Member States and one international organisation, making it one of the largest research infrastructures in Europe. Its aim is to connect biobanks and researchers in Europe in order to facilitate the use of samples/data collected in Europe. Go to www.bbmri-eric.eu for more information.

European, Middle Eastern and African Society for Biopreservation and Biobanking (ESBB)

ESBB (www.esbb.org) is a society for people involved in the collection and storage of biological materials from all species. ESBB's mission is to advance the field of biobanking in support of research relating to healthcare, agriculture and the environment. Through annual conferences and other activities, ESBB provides a platform for dissemination of knowledge and discussion of issues, and through its working groups it unites members in problem solving activities. ESBB's focus of interest is on Europe, the Middle East and Africa.