

IGES

In May 2008, the board of directors of the International Genetic Epidemiology Society (IGES) has invited professor Kristel Van Steen (ULg) to accept the position as an **IGES ambassador** for Belgium. Her task as a new ambassador includes helping the society to promote the field of genetic epidemiology and to promote the International Genetic Epidemiology Society in Belgium. Please visit the IGES website

<http://www.geneticepi.org/>

to find out more about the exciting IGES community. Its members include geneticists, epidemiologists, statisticians, mathematicians, bioinformaticians, related biomedical researchers and students interested in the research of the genetic basis of the diseases, complex traits and their risk factors.

Promoting visibility of IGES and also membership in IGES could help foster genetic epidemiology in Belgium through

- learning about the latest methodological developments and research findings in genetic epidemiology
- interacting with scientific peers worldwide
- continuing education.

Similar in spirit, professor Van Steen and professor Haesbroeck (ULg) have founded a **Statistical Genetics Research Club**. In this post-genomic era, it is their firm belief that advanced methods in statistical genetics should make better use of the vast amount of information that can be retrieved from proteomics, transcriptomics and metabonomics, to name but a few. The club therefore offers a platform to facilitate communication between different research areas, and to brainstorm about new research thoughts and routes. To celebrate the year of its founding, a mini-conference is organized on September 15 at ULg. Please check www.statgen.be for detailed information.

You are all cordially invited to participate in one of the events of IGES and/or the Statistical Genetics Research Club.