

## Qatar Biobank - part of QF-RDI - announces Qatar's 2nd International Biobanking Conference to be held in March 2021

Qatar Biobank - part of Qatar foundation-RDI - is hosting Qatar's 2nd international biobanking conference, as a virtual conference this year in partnership with the European and Middle Eastern Society for Biopreservation and Biobanking (ESBB), and supported by BBMRI-ERIC, a European research infrastructure for biobanking, and the International Society for Biological and Environmental Repositories (ISBER)



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**Doha, Qatar, January 10, 2021:** Qatar's second International Biobanking Conference 2021 is organized by Qatar Biobank - part of QF-RDI - in partnership with European and Middle Eastern Society for Biopreservation and Biobanking (ESBB) and will be supported by BBMRI-ERIC and ISBER to take place from 8th to 10th March 2021. It will be a virtual conference with a max capacity of 10,000 participants

The theme of this year's three-day conference is "Biobanking for precision care. Lessons learned from a global crisis - National and international responses and lessons learned from

global crises”. It will feature an international group of experts on Biobanking, genomics, and personalized medicine from around the world, with a focus on precision medicine care and the lessons learned from global crises such as the global Pandemic (Covid-19). Most importantly, the conference will bring Qatar’s biobanking community together to highlight their achievements and progress.

Since its launch to date, Qatar Biobank, part of QF-RDI, has so far recruited more than 26,000 participants from Qataris and residents, who have been living in Qatar for more than 15 years, and collected biological samples and information on health and lifestyle from them to make vital health research possible and enable researchers and scientists to conduct medical research on prevalent health issues in Qatar.

“The conference is an opportunity for industry experts to share their experiences of responses for global pandemics and crises, as well as highlighting the system in place in Qatar to fight the global pandemic (COVID-19)”, said *Dr. Asmaa Al Thani, Board Vice Chairperson of the Qatar Biobank Board and Chairperson of Qatar Genome Programme Committee.*

The wide-ranging sessions and presentations are focused on precision medicine care and the lessons learned from global crises such as the global Pandemic (Covid-19). Discussing the newest technologies and trends in the global biobanking sector supports the progress of precision medicine in Qatar and around the world.

“The conference is bringing together leading scientists, researchers, industry experts, biobanking and genomics experts and students from Qatar and around the world to discuss precision medicine and responses global crisis affecting the biobanking industry and to encourage best practice sharing in fighting the current COVID-19 virus”, said *Dr. Nahla Afifi, Director of Qatar Biobank.*

Medical students, scientists, researchers, industry experts, biobanking and genomics experts and the public from Qatar and around the world are encouraged to register for the conference through the website: [www.ibcq2021.com](http://www.ibcq2021.com)

# 2<sup>ND</sup> IBCQ INTERNATIONAL BIOBANKING CONFERENCE

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