




DNA DAY 2010

**Your suggestions
please!**



“ Genes are the good or bad cards dropped out to each of us.”

“I can inherit my mother’s nose, my father’s eyes or the affinity towards mathematics like my aunt”

“Moreover, I think that genetic information, or genetic factors in general, are both the Queen of the cells and the Grandmother of all living organisms.....”



“Evolution” of DNA Day

- Invitation from ASHG to partner with them in DNA Day
- **2008** was a “pilot” – Italian society was biggest promoter- **108 essays from 8 countries**
- **2009** – several countries had national competitions as well
 - **116 essays** from **13 countries**
 - **Submission through ESHG website**
- 2010- expansion to more classrooms and more countries!




Goals of DNA Day

- Promote awareness of genetics in general and of genetics in health/medicine in the general public and next generation leaders
- Use resources available through national genetics societies and national educational networks
- Create a mechanism for cross-cultural comparisons...



2010 Timeline

- **Early November:** Choose questions (same as ASHG?)
- **Late November:** Letter to national genetics society presidents announcing contest with practical details; info on ESHG website
- **December-February:** organization and promotion within each country
- **February 1-April 25:** submissions open via ESHG website (English translation and original language) – also through national societies?
- **April 26- early June:** evaluation of essays submitted (all to ESHG? Triage through national societies?)
- **June 11-12:** announcement of winners (to teachers and at ESHG)

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- *Please send all suggestions for next year's organization to Celia DeLozier (ESHG Education and liaison to ASHG)*

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