



CDBI Seminar

Predictivity, Genetic Tests and Insurance

**Strasbourg, 3-4 December 2007
Room 1, Council of Europe**

The Seminar will be broadcasted live on:
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PROGRAMME

Monday, 3 December 2007

9.30 Opening

Mrs Isabelle Erny (Chair of the Steering Committee on Bioethics (CDBI) France)
Dr Ruth Reusser (Chair of GT4, Switzerland)
Mr Alexander Vladychenko (Director General, Social Cohesion, Council of Europe) [Speech](#)

A. OVERVIEW OF PRACTICES

1. The main personal contingencies insured against

Chairs

Prof Zoreslava Shkiryak-Nyzhnyk (CDBI member, Ukraine)

Mrs Mary Anne Ciappara (CDBI member, Malta)

10.00 The main contingencies insured against (sickness, invalidity, dependence, death)

Mr Carlos de Sola (Council of Europe)

10.15 [The current place of State insurance in contingency cover. Foreseeable trends](#)

Prof Paul Schoukens (University of K.U. Leuven, Belgium).

10.45 Discussion

11.10 Break

2. Insurance contracts and risk assessment

Chair

Dr Tina Garanis-Papadatos (Vice-Chair of CDBI, Greece)

Representative of the European Commission

11.30 [Group insurance and individual insurance. Main legal features of insurance contracts](#)

Ms Isabelle Bufflier (University Robert Schuman, France)

12.00 [Risk assessment methods](#)

Ms Debbie Akers (Friends Provident Life and Pensions, United Kingdom)

12.30 Discussion

13.00 Lunch break

3. **Current practice as regards medical examinations**

Chairs

Mrs Lisette Geldof van Doorn (CDBI member, Netherlands)

Prof Jozef Glasa (CDBI member, Slovakia)

14.30 [Analysis of the nature of information requested and of types of medical examinations carried out](#)

Dr Joachim Bürger (Munich Re Group, Germany)

Dr António Maia Gonçalves (Portugal)

15.30 Round Table (in addition to the 2 speakers of the afternoon)

Dr Vera Izhevskaya (Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Russian Federation)

Dr André Chuffart (European Insurance and Reinsurance Federation, Belgium)

Prof Benoit Dervaux (CNRS, France)

16.30 End of Day 1 Session

Tuesday, 4 December 2007

4. **Specific aspects of genetic testing**

Chairs

Prof Carlos Alonso Bedate (CDBI member, Spain)

Prof Daniel Serrao (CDBI member, Portugal)

9.15 [The predictivity concept](#)

Prof Peter Propping (University of Bonn, Germany)

9.45 [The economic stakes involved in genetic testing for insurance companies](#)

Prof Angus MacDonald (Heriot-Watt University, United Kingdom)

Dr Christoph Nabholz (Swiss Re, Switzerland)

10.30 [The ethical, social and legal aspects](#)

Prof Christian Byk (International Association of Law, Ethics and Science, France)

11.00 Break

11.20 Round Table (in addition to the speakers)
Prof Romeo Casabona
(University of Bilbao, Spain)
Prof George Maniatis (Hellenic National
Bioethics Committee, Greece)

12.30 Lunch break

B. OVERVIEW OF THE REGULATIONS

Chair

Mrs Isabelle Erny (Chair of CDBI)

14.00

1. International texts

Mrs Laurence Lwoff (Council of Europe)

2. In Europe

- Countries with specific regulations on genetic testing for insurance purposes
- Countries without such specific regulations (insurance governed by ordinary law?)
Dr Ruth Reusser (Chair of GT4, Switzerland)
Mr André Albert (CDBI member, France)
MD Robert Kneepkens (Netherlands). [Speech](#)
Dr Mark Bale (CDBI member, United Kingdom).
[Speech](#)

3. Outside Europe

- United States and Canada
Mr Yann Joly (University of Montreal, Canada)

15.30 Break

15.50 Discussion

16.45 Closing

Mrs Isabelle Erny (Chair of CDBI)

17.00 End of the Seminar