It has become clear that the collective genome is just a prototype for the individual human genomes with regard to the sequential, functional and regulatory aspects of our genes. There are enormous person-to-person variations in sequence and position of individual genes.

In recent years, these observations have created tremendous interest mainly into two research directions, i.e. what are the mechanisms for the evolution of such a variation on the molecular and cytogenetic levels and to which extent does this individual genetic variation affect physiological reactions in health and disease. In drug research, genetic variation between populations and individuals may help to explain the differential responsiveness of individuals in aspects such as xenobiotics adsorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion. This is relevant for both established drugs and lead compounds in clinical development (pharmacogenetics). It may help to develop predictions on the potential toxic effects of single drugs or combination therapies in genetically predisposed patients (toxicogenomics).

This conference aims to present the expanding scientific information on mechanisms of genetic diversification in man and its driving forces. It also should develop a dialogue with drug research on functional genomics in a given individual genomic setting.

The conference was organised in five sections, i.e.
- Diversity of genes and genomes
- Mechanisms for creation of diversity
- Correlation between genetic variation and disease phenotypes
- Pharmacogenetics
- Genotype-phenotype relation and modifying mechanisms

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