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**Conference on**

# **Genome Editing**

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**The Royal Society**

**6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG**

**on**

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## Speakers and Chairmen

Professor Richard Ashcroft	Professor of Bioethics, Queen Mary University of London
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Professor Austin Burt	Professor of Evolutionary Genetics, Imperial College London
Professor Jennifer Doudna, FRS	HHMI Investigator, Li Ka Shing Chancellor's Chair in Biomedical and Health Sciences, Professor Depts. of Molecular & Cell Biology and Chemistry, UC Berkeley
Professor Anne Ferguson-Smith, FRS	Arthur Balfour Professor of Genetics and Head of Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge
Dr Paul Hurd	School of Biological and Chemical Sciences, Queen Mary University of London
Professor Robin Lovell-Badge, FRS	The Francis Crick Institute, London
Professor Emma Morris	UCL Institute of Immunity and Transplantation, Royal Free Hospital, London
Dr Kathy Niakan	The Francis Crick Institute, London
Professor Veronica van Heyningen, FRS	President of The Galton Institute, Institute of Ophthalmology University College London and MRC Human Genetics Unit, IGMM, Edinburgh
Professor Daniel Voytas	Director of the Center for Precision Plant Genomics, Center for Genome Engineering, University of Minnesota

### Conference organisers:

**Professor Anne Ferguson-Smith, Drs Elena Bochukova and Paul Hurd**

# Genome Editing

- 10.00-10.05**      **Chair and Introduction: Professor Veronica van Heyningen, FRS**
- 10.05-10.20**      **Dr Kathy Niakan**  
*The hows and whys of genome editing*
- 10.20-11.00**      **Dr Kathy Niakan**  
*Exploring early human development using CRISPR-Cas9*
- 11.00-11.30**      **COFFEE**
- 11.30-12.10**      **Chair: Dr Paul Hurd**  
**Professor Austin Burt**  
*Manipulating mosquitoes for malaria control*
- 12.10-12.50**      **Professor Daniel Voytas**  
*Developing crops for sustainable agriculture and food security*
- 12.50-14.00**      **LUNCH**
- 14.00-14.40**      **Chair: Dr Elena Bochukova**  
**Professor Richard Ashcroft**  
*Societal considerations on genome editing*
- 14.40-15.20**      **Chair: Professor Veronica van Heyningen, FRS**  
**The Galton Lectures 2018**  
**Professor Robin Lovell-Badge, FRS**  
*Genome editing to study regulation and regulation of genome editing*  
**Professor Jennifer Doudna, FRS**  
*Genome Editing – history and future*  
**This is a video presentation by Professor Doudna due to her unavoidable absence.**
- 15.40-16.10**      **TEA**
- 16.10-16.50**      **Chair: Professor Anne Ferguson-Smith, FRS**  
**Professor Emma Morris**  
*Exploring and treating human disease with genome editing*

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There have been huge advances in the scientific understanding of heredity and genetics over the last century. Partly informed by these insights, there has been a concurrent revolution in social attitudes in considering the contributions of 'nature' and 'nurture' – Galton's terms for today's genes and environment – to human development and achievement. Consequently, the Galton Institute of today reflects the multidisciplinary nature of current research, with geneticists, clinicians, demographers, bioinformaticians, sociologists, psychologists, statisticians, teachers and other professionals working together with the aim of improving knowledge of our species and its challenges.

The Galton Institute is committed to stimulating and informing public debate on human heredity and associated questions, and seeks to promote public engagement with, and communication of, these topics.

### **Aims**

The Institute promotes and supports the scientific exploration of all aspects of human heredity through:

1. Education and communication with all interested individuals and groups.
2. Stimulating and informing public debate on the social and ethical implications and relevance to human well-being.
3. The study and understanding of the historical origins and development of the topic.

### **Activities**

The Institute has a wide range of interdisciplinary interests relating to the scientific study of human inheritance and promotes communication of these investigations through:

- An annual conference in which a topic of current and international importance relating to human heredity is explored by experts from different disciplines. The conference is the occasion for the delivery of the annual Galton Lecture by an eminent invited speaker.
- Support for conferences and other activities of kindred organisations relevant to its aims.
- Publication of the *Galton Review*, available on the website and received free of charge by Members, Fellows and most UK university libraries.
- Publication of occasional booklets on subjects relevant to its aims.
- Support for work on reproductive health and fertility control in the UK and elsewhere under the aims of the Artemis Trust.

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