

**COLLABORATIVE EXERCISE on
DNA-BASED IDENTIFICATION OF BONE SAMPLES**
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can participate?

A: Participants of the Prague [BONE IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP 2012](#) only.

Q: What is the aim of the collaborative exercise (CE)?

A: The aim of the exercise is to make a progress on standardization and to identify the technical problems connected with in identification of bone samples.

Q: How many sample sets will receive a laboratory that will send 3 participants to the Bone workshop?

A: We will distribute only 1 sample set per participating laboratory, regardless of the number of participants.

Q: When will the participating laboratory receive the CE samples?

A: The plan is to hand over the sample sets to all participating laboratories during the workshop.

Q: What is the fee for the participation in the collaborative exercise?

A: There is no fee connected with the collaborative exercise.

Q: Will you provide us the laboratory protocols?

A: The labs will RECEIVE detailed step-by-step protocol but are encouraged to use their own procedure.

Q: How will be the results of the collaborative exercise used?

A: The results of the collaborative exercise will be employed to identify possible sources of errors that could arise during DNA-based identification of bone samples. We plan to publish the results in a peer-reviewed journal.

Q: Will you issue some kind of certificate upon successful completion of the CE?

A: Certificates of successful completion will be issued to all participating laboratories.