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The presence of highly qualified experts in the field of Genetic Toxicology gives us the opportunity to focus on old and new approaches for identifying and evaluating chemical mutagens and carcinogens as well as for assessing human exposure to genotoxic agents.