

THE Y-DNA PROJECT

Quarterly report from Elizabeth O'Donoghue, the Society's Group Administrator

This quarter, we have revised the charts to include recent participants and/or additional marker results in the Glens and Cavan tribes. Their kit numbers are highlighted to indicate the new arrivals. Reviewing the spreadsheets for updating, I realized that for some reason, I did not correlate the order of the listing of the Glens tribe members to the charting of their individual numbers in the Family Tree spreadsheet. I've corrected this, along with a slight adjustment of the formulas used to arrive at the averages. Some of the figures will have changed slightly.

The trend continues that the Glens tribe are almost all within 1000 years or less in TMRCA (Time to the Most Recent Common Ancestor), with an average distance of 660 years, while the Mór tribe is more genetically diverse and have a longer average distance of 1234 years. The small Mór group who have the 'Scythian' marker 12 at DYS#392 have the oldest connections to each other, which supports the high probability that it was the actual ancestral modal for the tribe. I have used 13 as the modal in the spreadsheets because the majority have that number, but as we add to the database, we may see more 12s...

I am progressing in my research into the Scythian connection mentioned in previous reports. I had asked for the blood type of those project members who know what it is, and a good few have responded to me. It is still a small sample, though, so any of you who know or can find out, I would most appreciate your time to email me at elizabethod@eircom.net and let me know. A pattern I had hoped for has already revealed itself, but I would like a larger sample before reporting any results.

Thanks to all those who have shared their family history and other information with me. If I have not managed to contact some of you directly about your results, do let me know if you would like any details. My record keeping still is not quite what it should be. Any suggestions on how to make the material more accessible or understandable, please let me know as well.