

THE Y-DNA PROJECT

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

As of September 30th 2007, there were 3,715 surname projects at Family Tree DNA, with 138 having 100+ participants. The O'Donoghue Society yDNA Project ranks 129th. We're moving up!

The 38-67 markers have come in for Geoffrey Paul The O'Donoghue of the Glens, solidly emphasizing the modal for that tribe. There is a new member of the group, and another upgrade from 25-37 markers as well. We have a new member in the Mór tribe, plus additional marker results for two. The newest member in the Breifne Group A from the Genographic Project has up-graded to 67 markers, and we have a new Dunphy participant. Though his complete results are not yet in, he does not appear to be closely related to either of our other Dunphys, which leads me to believe there was no single origin of the Dunphy name, even though it has traditionally been considered a chosen change by O'Donoghues in a specific geographic area.

Up to now, all members but one have been in haplogroup R1b. The R1a participant has now been joined by a new member in haplogroup I1b. There are several subclades of I1b that are concentrated in the Isles, and I am awaiting results from the 13-25 markers to see to which subclade he may belong.

All the spreadsheets have been updated, so if you haven't taken a look for a while, please do so. I have finally completed the **Interpretations** link, which can be reached through the **Results** page

(http://www.odonoghue.co.uk/guests/projects/ydna_results.php).

It includes conclusions I have reached regarding my research of the null values at DYS439 of two of our participants that I mentioned in the April 2007 quarterly report and another member who has a null value at DYS425.

If any of you have any questions about the information I provided, or further thoughts regarding my comments, I would be most interested in hearing from you. I hope to continue expanding the section as the project progresses.

Please let me know of any errors/omissions in the charts or elsewhere so I can correct them.

Happy New Year to you All!