Africans Shown to Have Most Diverse Genes

On April 29, 2009, Coriell President and CEO, Michael Christman, Ph.D., was interviewed by WHYY Health and Science senior reporter Kerry Grens regarding the recently published Science paper on African ancestry and diversity findings using genetic analyses. During the interview, the two discussed the researchers’ study design and whether it is a large enough sample size to make accurate correlations, how this type of information may impact the field of medicine, and whether these findings could be helpful to Coriell’s personalized medicine initiative and efforts to enroll African Americans (and other minorities) into the study. The interview aired on April 30 and May 1, 2009, on WHYY.

Below is the article posted on WHYY’s website regarding the Science paper and Dr. Christman’s comments, as well as a link to an audio clip of the story.

To listen to the audio from this story, visit: http://why.org/cms/news/health-science/2009/04/30/africans-are-most-genetically-diverse-group/7627