

## New Year O'Shea yDNA Project Update

As the New Year brings new resolutions, we bring you a new style results spreadsheet.

As newly appointed Administrator of the O'Shea yDNA Project, I am happy to present a new style of results spreadsheet which Brian O'Shea, Project Co-administrator and I have worked on. This spreadsheet shows by column the Ysearch ID for those whose results are in Ysearch, the earliest ancestor and the full 67 markers for those members who have achieved this level of testing.

One thing which may strike you as different is that the biggest group, the Kerry Group is now called Group 1, while the NW Cork Group is Group 2 and the Tipperary/Kilkenny Group is called Group 3. Certain markers, known to mutate at a slow/medium rate can be identified as signature markers for sub-groups in the Kerry Group, Cork Group and Tipperary/Kilkenny Group. In general, marker values are coloured where the allele value differs from the most common value (modal) for a group and in some instances these markers indicate sub-groups.

A new group called "Members who match at least one member of group 1,2 or 3 at 12/12 " has been added to cater for (i) members who have either done only 12 markers and match 12/12, at least one person who is in an established group or (ii) members who have done 25 or 37 marker tests and match 12/12, at least one member of an established group. The "Unassigned Group" is retained for members who are R1b1b (or R1b1b2) but who do not match at least one member of an established group at 12/12.

In the near future, more detailed analyses of members' results will be provided on: [www.osheaclan.org/OShea\\_Results\\_2010.html](http://www.osheaclan.org/OShea_Results_2010.html) . Currently the attached spreadsheet and a diagram giving an overview of the three groups is available to be viewed there.

One member of Group 1 (the Kerry Group) has done a Deep Clade SNP test, which yielded a R1b1b2a1a result (indicated in green on the haplogroup column of the spreadsheet). Recently, one member with typical results in Group 2 (the NW Cork Group) has also ordered the Deep Clade SNP test, to see if his result matches the Kerry SNP result. It would be interesting if a member of Group 3, the Tipperary/Kilkenny Group, would consider doing a SNP test to see if the groups are connected in ancient times.

Project funding is currently providing us the opportunity to purchase three 37 marker yDNA kits for Irish-based O'Sheas who may help to further our knowledge .

You might have noticed that in our December 2009 Newsletter, we mentioned that three members of the NW Cork Group, who had previously upgraded to 67 markers, also decided to do further testing of two markers, recommended by FTDNA, to confirm the closeness of their matches. Recently, a fourth member of the NW Cork Group has agreed to upgrade to 67 and to do the extra markers to further probe the level of matching within the tightly knit group. We will report on the results when they become available.

Also, note that Tad Shay has set up a group at Facebook, called "O'Shea Ancestry". We encourage communication among members as it all helps to form a community among the clan. The O'Shea blog (attached to our website) also continues to facilitate contact among O'Sheas all over the world.

Note, if you want to add your results to Ysearch, from FTDNA, you can do this automatically by going to your "Matches" webpage and look for the link "add to Ysearch".

This project is all about our members and we would like to have your thoughts and ideas. Please let us know if you want to add to or amend our "earliest ancestor" information for your family. We are truly grateful to the efforts and contributions made by everyone.

Best wishes for 2010 from the O'Shea yDNA Project. Do check our website for updates.

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