

New: Pay your ACMG Dues Online! It's Quick and Easy

Make sure your ACMG membership stays active. ACMG members can now pay 2008 dues online using a Visa, MasterCard or American Express credit card. Go to the new ACMG website at www.acmg.net and log on as an ACMG member using your current login and password. Go to the "Members Only" tab, then click on My Account and follow the directions on the screen. To get a printable receipt, log on to the ACMG "Members Only" section of the website and go to "View/Edit My Profile," and "Events/Orders" button to get a printable receipt for your dues payment.

As a reminder, dues notices for 2008 will be sent electronically to all members in September 2007 and are payable by January 1, 2008. All members with unpaid 2008 dues will be required to pay for the current year prior to registering for the 2008 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting.

***Genetics in Medicine* Online Access to Change in October**

Effective October 2007, online usernames and passwords for *Genetics in Medicine* will be reset. The new ACMG database that was installed in 2006 assigned all ACMG members new member/login numbers. These new numbers conflict with the numbers stored at GIM Online.

All current members will get an email message with initial log in instructions in October to access GIM online. Once initially logged in, all members can then create their own username and password (which could be the same as what you are using on GIM Online now).

ACMG Weighs In on Warfarin and Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing

As you know, ACMG has begun working with the media on a regular basis to ensure that accurate and timely information about medical genetics is conveyed to the public.

ACMG has released statements on both Warfarin and Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing. Please visit the ACMG Online Newsroom at www.acmg.net to read both statements.

Please copy and share these statements with patients and colleagues as you see fit.

2008 William K. Bowes, Jr. Award in Medical Genetics

The William K. Bowes, Jr. Award in Medical Genetics has been established by the Harvard Medical School-Partners HealthCare Center for Genetics and Genomics to recognize and honor annually an outstanding physician or scientist who is completing his or her training in the area of medical genetics or in a combined training program with medical genetics. The Bowes Award highlights the exciting opportunities available to those who are interested in a career in medical genetics and gives critical visibility to the importance of genetics in the future of health care. The recipient will receive a cash award of \$20,000 and a framed certificate. The Award will be presented at a black-tie dinner to be held in Boston on June 18, 2008. During the day of June 18th the recipient will join a nationally recognized senior scientist to present grand rounds at the Center. Eligible candidates must have completed all of the official requirements for their training leading to board certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Individuals in joint ABMG training programs such as Pediatrics and Medical Genetics, Internal Medicine and Medical Genetics, and Molecular Genetic Pathology are also eligible. All such individuals who have completed the requirements within four years of nomination are eligible. Candidates must have a proven record of academic accomplishments, exemplify excellence in their areas of specialty, and show exceptional promise and commitment for continued future leadership. Nominations may be made by any physician, scientist or other healthcare professional. Those wishing to nominate a candidate are encouraged to do so by completing the on-line nomination form which may be found at www.hpcgg.org/News/award_2008. Alternatively, a letter may be sent to the Award Committee identifying the candidate and providing full contact information for the nominee. All nominees will be contacted by the Award Committee, advised of their nomination and asked to complete the detailed nomination requirements. An Award Committee of nationally and internationally renowned scientists will review nominations and select the Award recipient. Please address questions and correspondence to: Harvard-Partners Center for Genetics and Genomics, William K. Bowes, Jr. Award in Medical Genetics, Award Committee, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Ste. 250, Boston, MA 02115 or to Janice Larson at jalanson@partners.org.

Mark your Calendars **Upcoming ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meetings**

March 13-16, 2008
Hyatt Regency Phoenix & Phoenix Convention Center
Phoenix, Arizona

Call for Abstracts will be distributed in October 2007
Visit www.acmgmeeting.net

March 25-29, 2009
Tampa Convention Center & Marriott Waterside Hotel and Marina
Tampa, Florida
