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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.

ACMG to be Represented on the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Hereditary Disorders and Genetic Diseases in Newborns and Children

ACMG Executive Director, Michael S. Watson, PhD, FACMG was recently appointed to the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Hereditary Disorders and Genetic Diseases in Newborns and Children, filling a newly designated seat representing the College. He will also chair the Advisory Committee's new Committee on Research.

ACMG Takes Part in the 3rd International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Last month, ACMG President, Joe Leigh Simpson, MD, FACMG, Project Manager, Judith Benkendorf, MS, CGC and other members of the college joined 600 genetic service and public health professionals, scientists and patient advocates from 50 nations at the 3rd International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Dr. Simpson spoke passionately about prenatal diagnosis and management of maternal obesity and diabetes. Ms. Benkendorf reported on the work of the National Coordinating Center (NCC) and Regional Collaborative groups in making quality genetic services accessible to local communities; she highlighted the success of the NBS ACT sheets and diagnostic algorithms in these efforts.

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Position Statement of the American College of Medical Genetics on the Regulatory Oversight of Genetic and Genomic Tests

It is the position of the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) that the current regulatory oversight of analytic validity and proficiency testing for genetic and genomic laboratory tests needs to be expanded and strengthened. The ACMG believes that this regulatory authority resides solely with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under CLIA (1988). The ACMG supports creation of a genetic subspecialty under CLIA for oversight of analytic validity and proficiency testing of genetic and genomic tests.

Assessing clinical validity and utility of these tests constitutes the practice of medicine and is therefore under the purview of physicians and their professional societies, including the ACMG. As such, clinical validity and utility of genetic and genomic tests should not be regulated by CMS, FDA, or other governmental agencies.

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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
