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Registration, Hotel Reservations and online Abstract Submission

The 2011 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Vancouver British Columbia is just around the corner. Be sure to visit www.acmgmeeting.net where you can register online, make hotel reservations and submit Abstracts electronically. See below for can't-miss deadlines and important travel information.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The online Abstract Submission deadline is **December 10, 2010**. Abstract submission instructions and the link to the online submission site are available in the "Abstracts" section of www.acmgmeeting.net.

Register by December 15, 2010 to take advantage of Early Bird Registration fees. After December 16, advance discounted registration fees will be available through **February 9, 2011**. After February 10, on-site registration fees will apply.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

In order to guarantee hotel availability for all who plan to attend the ACMG meeting, attendees must be registered for the meeting in order to make hotel reservations, and hotel reservations must be made through ACMG's official housing partner onPeak. Once the registration process is completed, there will be a direct link to the hotel reservation site so that registration and housing can be completed at the same time. For those

wishing to make hotel reservations at a later time, a "hotel access code" will be provided when registration is completed that will be required when making hotel reservation. Please help ACMG avoid financial penalties by utilizing onPeaks' services and booking your hotel room within the ACMG Block! Rooms will be available at the discounted group rates until February 11, 2011. Requests received after the deadline, or after the room blocks are filled, are subject to rate and space availability and may not be offered at the discounted group rate.

Please note, only onPeak is the official ACMG Housing Partner. If you are contacted by other housing and travel companies indicating they can assist with travel and hotel reservations for the Annual Meeting do not make reservations with them. Neither onPeak nor ACMG will be able to provide a resolution to issues related to reservations made through other housing companies, travel agencies or online web travel sites. If these organizations do not provide reservations within the official ACMG block, ACMG has no control over these reservations and will get no credit towards reaching our contracted block.

TRAVEL AND PASSPORT INFORMATION

Travel to Canada: Those planning on attending the meeting are reminded that all travelers, including U.S. and Canadian citizens, are required to have a passport or other accepted form of documentation to enter or depart the United States. The ACMG Meeting website contains detailed information on renewing or applying for a passport, the countries and territories whose citizens require visas in order to enter Canada and other helpful information. Go to www.acmgmeeting.net and click on Attendee Information/ Passport & Customs Information to learn more.

Donate Your Honorarium

Did you know that you can donate your honorarium, speaking fees, per diem, travel reimbursements, and much more to the ACMG Foundation? Not only can you donate honorarium paid by the College, but also from other organizations. It's a great way to support the future of medical genetics.

By donating your professional speaking, writing, or per diem honoraria from both the College and from your other engagements, you support the future of medical genetics. For example, by donating \$1,500 or more in honorarium and fees, you could support a young professional with a travel grant to the ACMG Annual Meeting.

Whether through your personal generosity or encouraged by your company or agency, honoraria gifts significantly impact a worthwhile charity. You can donate honorarium from any speaking engagements, faculty appointments, expert testimony, consulting fees, or other professional engagements.

Please tell the host institution from which you are receiving an honorarium as soon as possible that you would like to donate your fee to the American College of Medical Genetics Foundation and direct them to the ACMG Foundation webpage for the address and details, www.ACMGFoundation.org.

The ACMG Foundation will recognize your donation in our publications unless you indicate that you prefer to remain anonymous.

It is also advisable to consult a tax professional about the tax implications of making this donation. A general rule of thumb is to claim both the income and the charitable deduction on your taxes.

For more information on donating honoraria, please contact David Cotter at dcotter@acmgfoundation.org or 301-718-2014.

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Take these steps ahead of time and assure you are not missing any important information from ACMG this year!

2011 ACMG Genetics Review Course

The next Genetics Review Course will be held June 2-5, 2011 at the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas. Program, registration and hotel information will be available at www.acmg.net in January 2012.