



Announcements

The EJHG publishes short announcements (free of charge for ESHG members) regarding meetings in Europe, positions available and other announcements of interest to the Human Genetics community in Europe

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Student Prizes for Poster Presentation

A poster award of 300 ECU plus an annual subscription to *Nature Genetics* for the best posters presented at the 27th Annual Meeting of the ESHG, Berlin, 23–26 May, 1995, went to each of the following students:

Jens Deerberg, Department of Human Genetics, University of Kiel, Germany, for poster G-188 'CD30 positive Hodgkin and Reed-Sternberg cells are cytogenetically aberrant in all cases of Hodgkin's disease';

Hélène Poirel, INSERM U301, Paris, France, for poster G-161 'Rearrangements of the TEL gene in acute leukemias'.

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Clinical Genetics Seminar

The Eighth International Clinical Genetics Seminar will be held June 23–28, 1996 cruising the Aegean Islands, Greece, aboard the MTS 'Arcadia'.

Themes of the seminar are 'Genetic Counselling as We Enter the 21st Century' and 'Therapy of Genetic Disorders.'

Invited lecturers include J. Hall, V. McKusick, A. Milunsky, P. Beighton, J. Leroy, J. Spranger, A. Schinzel and others.

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International Agency for Research on Cancer -World Health Organization

Two Fellowships in Cancer Genetics

Two fellowships in cancer genetics are available (one predoctoral and one postdoctoral) in the newly constituted Unit of Genetic Susceptibility to Cancer at IARC (Lyon) on the following projects: (1) identification of gene(s) predisposing to papillary thyroid carcinoma (PTC), and (2) cloning of the X-linked lymphoproliferative syndrome (XLP) gene. The fellowships are funded for 1 year by intramural grants and can be renewed. Monthly stipends are as follows (tax free): predoctoral levels FF 8,521; postdoctoral levels FF 10,890 + dependants' allowances. Starting date: autumn 1995.

For application, send a CV and three names for references to the following address:

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**4th International Symposium on
Marfan Syndrome**
**1st International Workshop for People
with Marfan Syndrome**

August 11–14, 1996, Davos, Switzerland

Conference organizers: Beat Steinmann and Michael Raghunath.

The Symposium is intended to provide information on new research topics, foster interdisciplinary understanding, and provide opportunity for discussions with Marfan syndrome patients. Specific topics will include: new scientific findings in molecular and cell biology and pathobiochemistry of microfibrillar components; pathogenesis; diagnostic criteria and classification of microfibrillar disorders in children and adults; cardiovascular, ophthalmologic, and orthopaedic management, and clinical outcome. In addition, workshops and panel discussions with people affected by Marfan syndrome will be conducted.

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**European School of Medical Genetics,
9th Course**

March 24–31, 1996, Sestri Levante, Genoa, Italy

Directors: Victor A. McKusick (Baltimore), Giovanni Romeo (Genoa).

Over the past 8 years, 847 geneticists have taken this course, which is now open to everyone interested in acquiring basic knowledge in human genetics and in getting an update on new developments in medical genetics. Applicants from other medical specialties are welcome.

Topics: Introduction to Human Molecular Genetics and Linkage Analysis; Cytogenetics; Clinical Genetics; Population Genetics; Cancer Genetics, and Multifactorial Disorders.

Format: morning lectures, afternoon workshops in groups of 15–20 students.

Fee: Lire 495,000 covering tuition fee, course book, lunches, coffee breaks, welcome party, excursion, certificate of attendance.

Venue and accommodation: Grand Hotel dei Castelli, Sestri Levante. Half board per day per person approx. Lire 77,000–107,000 depending on the room.

Language: English.

Applications: starting October 1, 1995, up to completion of the 120 places available. Send by regular mail a short c.v., a letter of recommendation, a brief description of your scientific interest, and a certificate documenting your fluency in English to:

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