

MEETING SITE AND HOTEL RATES

The Hyatt Regency Miami, the headquarters hotel for all functions of the 1999 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, is located in a spectacular downtown setting on the scenic Miami River. The hotel has a fully equipped exercise facility, outdoor pool, two restaurants and a sports bar lounge. It is located just minutes away from world-class shopping, golf and white-sand beaches, and is only eight miles from the Miami International Airport.

Hyatt Regency Miami
400 SE Second Avenue
Miami, FL 33131-2197
Phone: 305-358-1234
Fax: 305-358-0529

Special room rates have been arranged for meeting registrants:

\$150/room/night, single or double occupancy
\$175 triple/quad
(plus 12.5% state and local taxes)

Up to two children may stay in their parents' room at no additional charge and with no triple or quad rate applied.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out time is 12:00 pm. The deadline for advance reservations is February 24, 1999. To make reservations, call the Reservations Department of the Hyatt Regency Miami at 305-358-1234, or fax at 305-679-3294. Be sure to identify yourself as a 1999 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting attendee.

REGISTRATION

The deadline for receipt of advance registration is March 1, 1999. To obtain a registration form, contact the ACMG Administrative Office at 301-571-1887. On-site registration will be available at the Hyatt Regency Miami on the Promenade Lower Level as follows:

Thursday, March 18	3:00 pm–6:00 pm
Friday, March 19	7:15 am–5:00 pm
Saturday, March 20	7:30 am–5:00 pm
Sunday, March 21	8:00 am–5:00 pm

Fees	By 3/1/99	After
ACMG Member	\$295	\$355
Nonmember	\$375	\$425
Member Counselor	\$200	\$250
Nonmember Counselor	\$225	\$275
All Nurses	\$225	\$275
All Students	\$145	\$195

Emeritus and Honorary Members are invited to attend at no charge. **NOTE: Registration fees remain at the 1996 rates.**

Students must submit a copy of their current student identification or a letter from their university in order to qualify for student rates.

Counselors must submit verification of certification or a letter from their employer to qualify for counselor rates; business cards are also acceptable.

All attendees should go to the Registration Desk to pick up badges, handouts, and other materials. Fees include the syllabus (January/February issue of *Genetics in Medicine*, see below) and admittance to all sessions, to the Exhibit/Poster Hall, and to the reception on Friday evening, March 19. Additional tickets for the reception may be purchased at the Registration Desk at a cost of \$20 each. Additional copies of the January/February issue of *Genetics in Medicine* may also be purchased at the Registration Desk for \$10 each.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Requests to cancel advance registration must be made in writing to the 1999 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, Anthony J. Jannetti, Inc., East Holly Avenue, Box 56, Pitman, NJ 08071-0056, and received no later than March 8, 1999. A \$50 cancellation fee will be deducted from the amount of refund. **No refunds will be made for requests received after March 8, 1999.**

NAME BADGES AND RIBBONS

Please wear your name badge for admittance to all activities of the Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. One or more ribbons attached to a name badge indicates the attendee's position or function within the American College of Medical Genetics or the March of Dimes during the meeting. You may obtain the appropriate ribbon at the registration desk if you did not receive one in your registration packet. Designations are:

Board of Directors	Black
President	Navy Blue
Past President	Yellow
Program Committee	Green
Speaker	Maroon
Moderator	Lilac
Exhibitor	Orange
Staff	Royal Blue

ON-SITE HANDOUT

The on-site handout will include errata and addenda, the list of exhibitors, focus groups (see next paragraph), abstracts of plenary session speakers, draft minutes of the 1998 Membership Meeting, and other valuable information.

FOCUS GROUPS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Board of Directors is initiating the process of long-term strategic planning for the College. As a first step, the Board has scheduled several small focus groups for members over lunch (courtesy of the College) on Saturday, March 20. Suggested topics include billing and reimbursement; practice guidelines; content, timing and purpose of the Annual Meeting; and professional recognition and our relationship with the AMA and organized medicine. Suggestions for additional topics are welcome. Interested members who have not already signed up with the Administrative Office should do so as soon as possible because space is limited. A member of the Board will attend each focus group in order to distill thoughts and suggestions for preliminary com-

mentary at the Membership Meeting on Saturday at 5:45 pm. Further discussion will take place during the Board meeting on Monday, March 22.

The response to this activity has been enthusiastic, and a second series of lunches will be hosted at the October ASHG meeting in San Francisco so that members not present in Miami will have an opportunity for input.

RECEPTION

Registrants and paid guests are invited to attend a reception on Friday evening, March 19, from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Weather permitting, it will be held on the Riverwalk; the Jasmine Room is the rainy alternative. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$20 each at the Registration Desk until 5:00 pm on Friday.

EMERGENCIES

LOST AND FOUND

MESSAGE BOARD

To report an emergency, go to the Registration Desk in the Promenade Lower Level of the Hyatt Regency Miami. The Registration Desk will also serve as a repository for lost/found items. A message board for general announcements and notices for individual attendees will be located near the Registration Desk.

NO SMOKING OR RECORDING

Smoking is prohibited in the Exhibit Hall and in all meeting rooms. Neither audio- nor videotaping of sessions is permitted.

SPECIAL NEEDS

The Hyatt Regency Miami is accessible to the disabled. Sleeping rooms equipped to accommodate the disabled are available by request in advance of arrival. Registrants with questions regard-

ing special housing, equipment, transportation and auxiliary requirements should contact the ACMG Meeting Coordinator at 301-571-1887. Please give prior notification so that we can assure that arrangements are made in advance of the meeting.

WEATHER/DRESS

Miami enjoys mild temperatures year-round, with an average daily temperature in March of about 70°F. Evening temperatures may be cool and a light raincoat or wrap may be needed. Since low temperatures often prevail in hotels, bring a sweater or jacket. Appropriate attire for the meeting is casual business clothing.

TRANSPORTATION

Airlines: Arrangements have been made for Forbes Travel Service, Inc., to assist registrants in making airline reservations. The Forbes travel agents will help you to obtain the lowest available fares offered through any airline. Discounted fares have been arranged with American Airlines for meeting registrants. Telephone Forbes at 1-800-433-8785, or fax at 412-521-7848, or you may contact American Airlines directly at 1-800-433-1790 and give the ACMG identification number: Star # 6239UC.

Ground Transportation: The Hyatt Regency Miami is 8 miles from Miami International Airport. The approximate one-way fare by taxi is \$15. Super Shuttle is also available outside the baggage claim area at \$9 per person each way. Valet parking at the hotel costs \$12 per day with in and out privileges. Limited self-parking is available in the building and in nearby parking lots, costing anywhere from \$3.50 to \$15 per day. Special car rental rates are available through Avis Rent-A-Car System, Inc. Call 1-800-331-1600 for further information, and identify yourself as a participant in Group J947520.