

program information

The 2000 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting carries on the traditions of past conferences in presenting both research and clinical topics to promote the science and the practice of clinical genetics. Topics range from the investigation of the etiology and pathogenesis of disease to the delivery of genetic services and the ethical, legal and public policy issues that arise in the laboratory, the clinic, and regulatory agencies.

NEW MEETING FEATURES: THURSDAY

For the first time, the ACMG is offering special sessions on the half-day prior to the usual start of the meeting. In 2000, **three didactic sessions** will address the need to learn advanced counseling techniques, to design consent forms, and to use coding and billing advantageously. There is no additional charge for these sessions, but attendance in the counseling session is limited to those who pre-apply. In addition, the **Society for Inherited Metabolic Disorders** will present a special evening workshop.

STANDARD MEETING FEATURES: FRIDAY–SUNDAY

Plenary Sessions have been organized to highlight a wide range of topics designed to inform genetics practitioners, researchers and counselors. Sessions will feature experts who will describe advances in many areas of interest and importance to research and practice.

For the 2000 meeting, the March of Dimes has scheduled its sessions on Sunday instead of Friday in order to accommodate the travel needs of the speakers.

Contributed Papers have been selected for poster displays or platform presentations.

Workshops have been scheduled to address a variety of topics.

Diagnostic Dilemmas (Unknowns and Rare Knowns) As in past years, attendees have an opportunity to bring cases to the attention of a panel of experts and an audience of geneticists for discussion of differential diagnosis, treatment and counseling options. Cases are still being accepted, and participants are also welcome to bring cases of “rare knowns” to share. Please e-mail Helga Toriello at helga.toriello@spectrum-health.org. All diagnostic dilemma presentations will be limited to 3 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for discussion.

EXHIBITS AND POSTERS

Exhibit hours for the 2000 meeting have been changed to decrease the hours exhibitors must be at their booths, while simultaneously increasing quality time between registrants and exhibitors. Booths will be staffed and the poster area will be open and

accessible in Oasis 3 of the Convention Center as follows:

- Friday, March 10: 11:45 am – 1:00 pm
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, March 11: 7:30 am – 8:30 am
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Sunday, March 12: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Posters open (no exhibits)

Lunch will be sold in the exhibits area on Friday and Saturday so that registrants can eat and visit the booths at the same time. On Friday evening from 5:00–7:00 pm, poster authors will make their presentations. Refreshments will be served. Complimentary continental breakfast will be available in the exhibits area Saturday morning. Prizes will be awarded to registrants who visit all of the exhibit booths. Look for details in the on-site handout.

Program Available in *Genetics in Medicine* and on the ACMG Web Site

Subscription to *Genetics in Medicine: Official Journal of the American College of Medical Genetics*, is a benefit of ACMG membership. Nonmembers who would like to subscribe should call 1-800-638-6423 or refer to the *Genetics in Medicine* web site at www.lww.com/GIM. Outside North America, fax inquiries to 410-361-8048.

This issue of *Genetics in Medicine* was mailed in February to all members of the ACMG, to nonmember subscribers, and to nonmembers who registered in advance. Nonmembers who registered after February 1 will be given a copy on site.

The schedule of sessions for the 2000 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting was posted on the ACMG web site in mid-February: www.faseb.org/genetics/acmg.

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HIGH SCHOOL DAY

The ACMG will once again host local high school students for an “Introduction to Genetics Session.” The event will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2000, from 10:00 am–2:30 pm at the Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel. Junior and senior students and their biology and science teachers will be introduced to both the theoretical and practical aspects of genetics. It is the hope that such programs will interest young people early in a career in genetics. This year the program is being organized by Edward R. B. McCabe, MD, PhD.