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Congratulations 2010 ACMG Foundation Award Winners!

The ACMG Foundation would like to congratulate the following award recipients on their outstanding achievement in and contribution to the field of medical genetics:

David Rimoïn, MD, PhD, FACMG, Director, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, received the **2010 ACMG Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award** in recognition of his distinguished career and dedicated service to the Foundation, the College, and the entire medical genetics community.

Ayman El-Hattab, MD received the **2010 Genzyme/ACMG Foundation Clinical Genetics Fellowship in Biochemical Genetics**. Dr. El-Hattab is at the Baylor College of Medicine in Texas, and he receives this prestigious award for his research proposal, "Glucose Kinetics in Patients with MELAS Syndrome."

Marilyn Li, MD, PhD, FACMG, received the **2010 ACMG Foundation/Luminex Award** "Promoting Safe and Effective Genetic Testing & Services." Dr. Li is at Tulane University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and her winning proposal is entitled, "The Efficacy of Microarray-based Testing for Detection of Genetic Aberrations in Hematologic Malignancies."

Alecia Willis, PhD received the **Signature Genomics/ACMG Foundation Travel Award** to defray travel expenses to the 2010 ACMG Annual Meeting for her platform presentation entitled, "Examination of Data from the Personal Medical Genomic Profile in a Control Population."


Marwan Khaled Tayeh, PhD of Prevention Genetics received The **2010 Annual Richard King Trainee Award for Best Publication**.


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The Foundation would also like to thank the many donors that made these awards possible, in particular, the **Luminex Corporation, Genzyme Corporation, Signature Genomics, Lisa Shaffer, PhD, FACMG** and **Richard King, MD, PhD, FACMG**. Thank you to all the selection committee members for taking the time to choose our winners among many qualified applicants and members. Thanks for everything you do for the medical genetics community!

The ACMG Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a community of supporters and contributors who understand the importance of medical genetics and genetic counseling in healthcare.

Navigating the Shifting Tax Landscape - IRAs

An excellent article in the **New York Times** on February 17, 2010, *Navigating the Shifting Tax Landscape*, details some of the current tax traps, pitfalls, and uncertainty – specifically traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs.

Traditional IRAs grow tax-free until withdrawals are made. But Roth IRAs are created with after-tax assets: that means people can use Roth IRAs to set aside money to tap into tax-free at a later date – or pass along those assets tax-free to their heirs, an attractive option for many wealthy individuals.

Starting this year, people whose incomes were too high to qualify for Roth IRAs in the past can now take advantage of them. But anyone shifting money from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA must pay taxes on the money. This year alone, they have the option of spreading the taxes across their 2011 and 2012 tax returns.

Charitable giving, like to the ACMG Foundation, can help offset some of that tax liability. The New York Times article provides an illustration of how a donor who shifts \$100,000 into a Roth IRA can save 16 percent of the \$35,000 he would owe in taxes by using some of the money to set up a charitable gift annuity.

Not only would the arrangement provide the donor's heirs with nearly \$75,000 tax-free at his or her death; it would also provide a small income stream to the donor during his or her lifetime. And money left over in the annuity, an estimated \$42,000, would go to the Foundation or a charity of the donor's choosing.

To learn more about charitable gift annuities and other ways to donate to the ACMG Foundation, please contact your tax professional or J David Cotter, Director of Development at the ACMG Foundation, 301-718-2014 or dcotter@acmgfoundation.org.

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