

ACMG CLINICAL GENETICS MEETING

ACMG 2012 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting Session highlights

ACMG is expanding the opportunities available for Trainees, Residents, Postdoctoral Fellows, Clinical Fellows and Students attending the 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. Be sure to note these networking and educational opportunities and let any of the young professionals in your institution know about these events:

TRAINEE/RESIDENT/FELLOWS/STUDENTS WELCOME RECEPTION

Tuesday, March 27, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Westin Charlotte Hotel

TRAINEE WORKSHOP: THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IN MEDICAL GENETICS - AN EDUCATIONAL PRIMER

Wednesday, March 28, 8:00 am - 9:30 am
Charlotte Convention Center

TRAINEE/MENTOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 28, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Charlotte Convention Center

SPECIAL STUDENT SESSION - CAREERS IN MEDICAL GENETICS: AN INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR STUDENTS

Friday, March 30, 1:15 pm - 6:00 pm
Charlotte Convention Center

Visit www.acmgmeeting.net to register for these events or to find out more information on each one.

DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Planning to attend the 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting on March 27-31, 2012 in Charlotte, North Carolina? Please note these upcoming deadlines:

Hotel Reservation Deadline:
Monday, February 6, 2012

Advance Registration Discount Deadline:
Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Session, speaker, schedule and exhibitor updates are all available online at www.acmgmeeting.net.

Be sure to visit the Annual Meeting website often for the most up-to-date ACMG Annual Meeting information.

CREATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PROFESSION



Ways You Can Donate in 2012

When you donate to the ACMG Foundation in 2012, you can give more than you thought possible! With a little creativity, you can support a great cause and maybe get a tax break.

- Did you know if you donate appreciated stocks directly to the ACMG Foundation, you can get a great tax break and give more than you thought you could?

- How about making a **monthly or quarterly pledge**? If you give a smaller amount more often, at the end of the year, you've donated a lot!
- Leave the ACMG Foundation in your will!
- Donate your speaking fees or honoraria or royalties. It's like free money.
- Double or triple your gift through your company's matching gift program. They might double your spouse's donations too.
- Participate in your company's workplace giving or CFC campaigns. Don't have one? Contact the **ACMG Foundation** about how to set one up at your company.

For other ideas on how to support the future of medical genetics and genomics, please contact J. David Cotter, ACMG Foundation Director of Development via email at dcotter@acmgfoundation.org or 301-718-2014, or visit the website,

www.ACMGFoundation.org.

ACMG CHANGES ITS NAME TO INCLUDE GENOMICS



The American College of Medical Genetics Board of Directors voted in October to add the word “Genomics” to its name, thereby changing the name to “American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics” officially to be in effect at the 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics meeting in March 2012.

The ACMG acronym will remain the same. The ACMG was founded in 1991 in recognition of the importance of the genetic approach to diagnosis, management, and prevention of disease, maintaining health, and improving the quality of life for all people. Since the sequencing of the human genome, we have entered an era that is changing the very fabric of biological research and medical practice. Medical geneticists have long embraced a genomic approach in healthcare, initially in the analysis of chromosomes and more recently in the application of cytogenomic microarrays and whole genome sequencing. The addition of Genomics to the name recognizes the increasingly central role of medical genomics and its importance alongside genetics in fulfilling the mission of the ACMG.

“Although medical geneticists have used genomic tools for a long time, the vastly increased power of the genomic approach has made it more and more vital to the practice of medical genetics. Adding the term ‘Genomics’ to the ACMG name at this time recognizes the importance of genomics today, and especially for the future, in both the clinical and laboratory practice of the medical geneticist,”

said Wayne W. Grody, MD, PhD, FACMG, president of The American College of Medical Genetics.

“Medical genetics has always been about ‘translating genes into health,’ but now we can access information about the entire genome to help us in the care of our patients,” added Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG, immediate past president of the ACMG. “Although the impact of genomics in medicine will take a long time to be fully realized, this is a once-in-a-lifetime sea change in medical practice. There has never been a more exciting time in the history of our discipline, and we need to communicate this to our patients and to future trainees.”

“The translation of genomic discoveries into widespread medical practice will be a long journey given the complexity of the genome and of the factors that influence health and disease,” added ACMG Executive Director Michael S. Watson, PhD, FACMG. “What is important is that the journey has begun; with important steps already taken and many more still to come.”

2012 RENEWAL DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2012

In ongoing efforts to effectively budget ACMG funds, the Board of Directors and the Membership committee have elected to change the annual membership renewal deadline from March 31 to January 31, beginning with the 2012 renewal cycle. 2012 membership email renewal notifications began in August. Monthly email reminders will go out through the deadline. Please ensure that we have your **current contact information** by logging onto the Members Only section of the ACMG Website and editing your member profile as necessary.

Don't forget to renew your 2012 ACMG membership by January 31, 2012, to ensure there is no interruption of membership services and benefits. Payment must be current in order to register at the Member rate for the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, access the ACMG Members Only section of the website, and to continue uninterrupted delivery of the *Genetics in Medicine* Journal.