

ACMG FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW AWARD



ACMG Foundation Announces The David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Genetics and Endowment Campaign

Following the tragic news of the recent and untimely passing of David L. Rimoin, MD, PhD, FACMG, medical genetics pioneer and founding president of ACMG and former president of the ACMG Foundation, the Board of Directors of the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine chose to honor Dr. Rimoin in perpetuity by renaming its highest honor the David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Genetics.

A fundraising campaign is currently being launched to endow this honor with a significant monetary award, thereby elevating it to the most prestigious award in medical genetics and genomics.

Dr. Rimoin's distinguished career and his enormous legacy truly represent the breadth of accomplishments associated with recipients of this award. These include excellence, unparalleled vision, and national leadership in medical genetics scholarship and research, patient care, teaching, mentoring trainees, and voluntary service that has advanced the field.

In 2010, Dr. Rimoin was honored as the second recipient of the ACMG Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award, following Dr. Arno Motulsky, who received the inaugural award in 2009. Drs. Charles Epstein and R. Rodney Howell were the 2011 and 2012 honorees, respectively.

The David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Genetics will be given to individuals who exemplify not only the lifetime achievements but also the personal qualities embodied by Dr. Rimoin. The ACMG Foundation is presently working with Dr. Rimoin's family to develop the criteria for the Award.

To honor Dr. Rimoin's life and work with a donation to the David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Genetics, please visit www.acmgfoundation.org/Rimoin.

The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine (www.acmgfoundation.org), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a community of supporters and contributors who understand the importance of medical genetics and genomics and genetic counseling in health care. Established in 1992, the Foundation supports the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics' mission to "translate genes into health" by raising funds to promote the profession of medical genetics and genomics to medical students; fund the training of future medical geneticists; support best practices and tools for practicing physicians and laboratory directors; promote awareness and understanding of our work in the general public; and much more.

2013 ACMG ANNUAL MEETING

Plan now to attend the 2013 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – when ACMG returns to Phoenix, Arizona, one of the most popular past destinations for the meeting.

Phoenix is America's sixth-largest city and is located in one of the lushest and most colorful deserts in the world. Enveloped by breathtaking scenery, rugged mountains define the city's horizon. Attendees will experience warm sunshine, blooming cactuses and wildflowers, and jaw-dropping sunsets that paint the desert sky on a nightly basis. Phoenix has always been a memorable place to hold a meeting and thanks to a metamorphosis in Phoenix's urban core—including a newly expanded convention center, a new 1,000-room hotel that will serve as the ACMG headquarters hotel, and a light-rail system that connects meeting attendees to a new world of dining and entertainment options—the 2013 ACMG Annual Meeting in Phoenix will provide a memorable destination and more value than ever. Mark your calendar and plan on joining ACMG Phoenix, March 19–23, 2013!

Preliminary 2013 Annual Meeting information is available at www.acmgmeeting.net, and information about online registration, housing and abstract submission will be available in October.