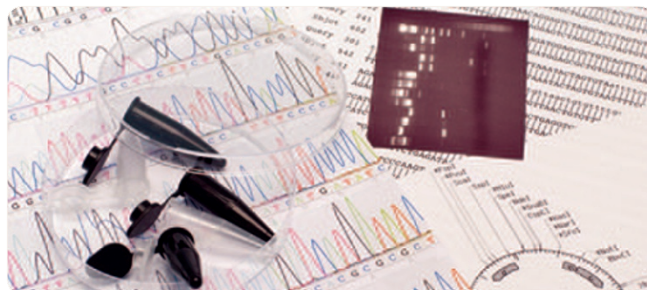


ACMG IS NOW OFFICIALLY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL GENETICS AND GENOMICS

Late in 2011, the American College of Medical Genetics Board of Directors voted to add the word "Genomics" to its name, thereby changing the name to "American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics." The new name, along with a new logo, is officially being unveiled this month at the March 2012 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"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 point in 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."

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 health care, 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.

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**2013 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, March 19–23, 2013
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GENETIC LEADERSHIP SOCIETY BREAKS RECORDS

Donations from ACMG Foundation's premier giving club, the Genetic Leadership Society (GLS), reached an all-time high in 2011.

The prestigious Genetic Leadership Society is composed of individuals who make contributions valued at \$1,000 or more in a calendar year to the ACMG Foundation. In the past few years, the GLS has been on a tremendous growth trajectory. Last year, 27 donors contributed a total of \$40,125. In 2011, the 43 individual members donated a total of almost \$60,000, a 50% increase!

GLS members are savvy in using different techniques to augment their donations. While many donors make a single donation at the end of the year, there are numerous ways to reach a donation goal. Some make regular donations throughout the year. Others donate their honoraria to the ACMG Foundation. Several participate in matching programs such as the Shire HGT Matching Gift Challenge this past May, which tripled the value of their donations. One new GLS member had her company match her donation, which brought the total value of her gift to \$1,000.

Members of the GLS receive special recognition throughout the year, such as a listing on the Donors page of the ACMG

Foundation website and special mention in ACMG publications and on signage during the ACMG Annual Meeting. In addition, GLS members who attend the Annual Meeting will be able to take advantage of a relaxing VIP lounge and are honored at the annual Donor Recognition Reception.

In 2012, the ACMG Foundation will use these donations to support projects that are important to ACMG members. The ACMG Foundation will continue to introduce medical genetics and genomics to the next generation of medical students, fund training of future medical geneticists, and support development of educational tools and materials for practicing physicians and the public.

In total, the ACMG Foundation raised almost \$89,300 from ACMG members and non-members, in addition to the \$250,000 anonymous donation.

For more information about how to expand your financial commitment to the medical genetics and genomics community or how your donations make a difference, please contact J. David Cotter, Director of Development of the ACMG Foundation, at 301-718-2014 or dcotter@acmgfoundation.org.

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