

## 2012 ANNUAL CLINICAL GENETICS MEETING



### 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting Breaks Attendance and Exhibitor Records

The 2012 ACMG Annual Meeting held in March in Charlotte, NC was another record breaker for ACMG. Professional attendance at the meeting was 1,797, with overall attendance, including exhibit personnel and guests, totaling 2,244 (a 20% increase over 2011 registration). In the Exhibit and Poster hall, 105 companies showcasing the newest treatment advances and methodologies, laboratory and genetic testing, educational materials and other products occupied 16,200 net square feet of exhibit space, which is an 11% increase over 2011. Another increase for 2012 was the record number of submitted abstracts, and just over 450 posters were on display in the largest exhibit hall in ACMG history.

### 2012 ACMG Clinical Genetics Meeting Abstracts Available in the Online Abstracts Library

The ACMG Online Abstracts Library is a collection of content presented at the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meetings, searchable by title, author, keyword, topic, and abstract number. The abstracts presented at the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 ACMG Annual Meetings are available in the ACMG Online Abstract Library. To search the archive, go to <http://submissions.miracd.com/acmg>.

### ACMG Online Learning Center

For those who purchased access to the ACMG Live Learning Center when they registered for the meeting or on site

as well as for those who could not attend, the ACMG Online Learning Center offers over 45 hours of educational content captured live from ACMG's 2012 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. Audio sessions synchronized to the speakers' PowerPoint presentations in downloadable MP3 format for learning on-the-go are now available in the ACMG Online Learning Center. The Pre-Conference Short Courses may be purchased separately from the rest of the meeting content. Also available are selected sessions from the 2011 ACMG Annual Meeting, the 2011 Short Courses and the 2011 Genetics Review Course. Go to <http://acmg.sclivelearningcenter.com> to order.

### ACMG Returns to Phoenix, AZ for the 2013 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting

The 2008 site of Phoenix, AZ was one of the most popular meeting destinations in the history of the ACMG Meeting. Phoenix has always been a memorable place to hold a meeting. Hotels and resorts bask in near-perpetual sunshine, natural beauty manifests itself in every direction, and jaw-dropping sunsets paint the desert sky on a nightly basis. Now, thanks to a metamorphosis in Phoenix's urban core—including a newly expanded convention center, a new 1,000-room 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 attendees a memorable meeting destination and more value than ever.

### Lab QA Committee Revises Standards and Guidelines for Interpretation of Huntington Disease Testing

The Laboratory Quality Assurance Committee has recently updated its technical standards for the interpretation of clinical molecular testing for Huntington disease. This modification is based on a recently published assessment of the test's analytical validity using data from external proficiency testing and is published by the CAP/ACMG Biochemical and Molecular Genetics Resource Committee. This has resulted in revising the acceptable range for sizing CAG repeats. The new acceptable ranges for CAG repeat sizing can be found on the ACMG website at [www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net). Go to the Publications tab, click on Laboratory Standards and Guidelines, scroll down to Huntington Disease, and then find Section HD 4.3.