

## Geneticist Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD Elected President of ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine

Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG is the new president of the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine ([www.acmgfoundation.org](http://www.acmgfoundation.org)), the national nonprofit foundation dedicated to improving health and patient care through the support of research, education, and the safe, effective practice of genetic and genomic medicine.

Dr. Korf takes over from distinguished geneticist and pediatrician R. Rodney Howell, MD, FACMG, who completed his long-standing presidency of nine years at the 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting last month in Charlotte, NC.

ACMG Executive Director Michael S. Watson, PhD, FACMG said, “We look forward to Dr. Korf assuming the leadership of the ACMG Foundation at a time of almost unfathomable growth and change and of increasing need for education and training of healthcare providers and the public to deal with the remarkable opportunities that medical genetics and genomics has to improve health and prevent disease.”

Dr. Korf received his MD degree from Cornell University Medical College and his PhD degree in genetics and cell biology from Rockefeller University. He then completed training in pediatrics, pediatric neurology, and genetics at Children’s Hospital, Boston. He served as clinical director in the Division of Genetics at Children’s Hospital from 1986 to 1999 and as the medical director of the Harvard-Partners Center for Genetics and Genomics from 1999 to 2002.



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Currently Dr. Korf is the Wayne H. and Sara Crews Finley Chair in Medical Genetics and Professor and Chair, Department of Genetics, and Director, Heflin Center for Genomic Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Korf is Immediate Past President of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics. He has completed terms as president of the Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics, member of the boards of directors of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the American Society of Human Genetics, and member of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Counselors. He is currently a member of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Human Genome Research Institute. Dr. Korf is author of *Human Genetics: A Problem-Based Approach*, soon to be published in a fourth edition. He is also co-author of *Medical Genetics at a Glance*, co-editor of the fifth and upcoming sixth edition of *Emery and Rimoin’s Principles and Practice of Medical Genetics*, and co-editor of *Current Protocols in Human Genetics*.

## The American College of Medical Genetics Foundation has changed its name to the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine ([www.acmgfoundation.org](http://www.acmgfoundation.org))

**The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting education, research, patient information, and the safe and effective practice of genetic and genomic medicine in order to improve health for all. Established in 1992, the ACMG Foundation has supported the mission of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics ([www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net)) to “translate genes into health” by raising funds for research; education; supporting the training of future medical geneticists; developing best practices and tools for physicians, laboratory directors and genetic counselors; and promoting awareness and understanding of how genes affect our health and much more.

The Foundation’s newly elected president, Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG said, “The extraordinary pace of discovery and the development of new genetic and genomic technologies are enabling new approaches to improving health and diagnosing and treating both rare and common disorders. The ACMG and the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine are at the forefront in the integration of genetics and genomics into broader medical practice. I look forward to working with the Foundation to raise the necessary funds and to develop the programs so that this life-saving and life-improving work can continue.”

## ACMG Foundation Launches Fund to Honor Dr. Rod Howell



Dr. R. Rodney Howell's term as President of the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine's Board of Directors ended in March at the 2012 ACMG Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, where he was also honored as the 2012 recipient of the prestigious ACMG Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Howell has been a vital and influential member of ACMG and the medical genetics and genomics community since the very beginning.

Dr. Howell's presence reaches into all areas of genetics and genomics, from his work on the newborn screening panel; to his service as Special Assistant to the Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; to his time as chair of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society (Department of Health and Human Services); to his chairmanship of the Scientific Advisory Committee for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and now as chair of the MDA Board of Directors.

To recognize Dr. Howell for his outstanding achievements, ACMG and the ACMG Foundation have established a fund to support an annual symposium in his honor. Called the **R. Rodney Howell Symposium on Public Health Genetics and Genomics**, the inaugural symposium will be at the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting March 19–23, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona. To endow this important honor, the ACMG Foundation plans to raise at least \$500,000 in donations from individuals, foundations, and corporations.

To support the **Howell Symposium Fund**, please contact the ACMG Foundation's Director of Development, David Cotter, at 301-718-2014 or [dcotter@acmgfoundation.org](mailto:dcotter@acmgfoundation.org).

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## 2011 ACMG Salary Survey Report Now Available

The 2011 ACMG Salary Survey Report is now available on the Members' Only Section of the ACMG website. It contains the findings of the web-based Salary Survey, conducted in October 2011, of American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG)/Molecular Genetic Pathology (MGP)-certified MD/DO and PhD ACMG members who practice in the United States. Where appropriate, this report includes comparisons with data collected in the 2009 Salary Survey.

Like the 2009 ACMG Salary Survey, the 2011 survey tool includes information regarding gender, benefits, the extent to which salary increases and decreases were awarded during both the current and prior fiscal years, MD/DO salaries based on relative value units (RVUs) generated as a medical geneticist, and an analysis of both MD/DO and PhD salaries as a function of time spent performing various responsibilities including laboratory direction, direct patient care, administration, consulting, research and teaching.

Thank you to all who participated in this survey. We hope that you will continue to value participation in the Salary Survey process, as well as access to the data in the subsequent report, as ACMG Member benefits. Following the release of this report, the ACMG will be looking at ways to enhance the utility of the survey data before moving forward with future salary



surveys. Therefore, we would welcome any suggestions that address this issue, as well as ideas for future surveys.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Kaiser-Rogers".

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Kaiser-Rogers, PhD, FACMG  
Workgroup Chair