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ACMG Celebrates 20th Anniversary

This year marks a major milestone as the ACMG celebrates its 20th anniversary throughout 2011. To mark this special occasion, the ACMG will publish a special issue of *Genetics in Medicine*, offer commemorative items for sale, celebrate the occasion during our Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, and most importantly, recognize and give thanks to the individuals and organizations who have contributed to our success throughout the years, while looking ahead to the exciting future of our profession.

The ACMG Foundation also celebrates its 20th Anniversary throughout 2011 with its “20 More...” campaign, both to support the future of medical genetics and help the ACMG flourish for another 20 years.

The Newborn Screening Translational Research Network

As part of the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act, NICHD awarded a 5-year contract to ACMG to create the Newborn Screening Translational Research Network (NBSTRN) in October 2008. The Coordinating Center for the Network is lead by Michael Watson, PI, and Amy Hoffman, Project Manager.

The basic goals of the NBSTRN are established by the NICHD contract and focus on the development of resources that facilitate the ability of researchers to become involved in newborn screening.

The NBSTRN is comprised of four main workgroups and an advisory Standing Committee.

Key resources include the Virtual Repository of Dried Blood Spots (VRDBS), the Long-Term Follow-Up data sets, an electronic data collection tool for the collection and storage of LTFU data, model informed consent modules, and IRB information aimed at assisting new investigators.

For more information about the NBSTRN visit our website at www.nbstrn.org or contact Amy Hoffman at ahoffman@acmg.net.

Foundation Announces Special Events for the 2011 ACMG Annual Meeting

To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of ACMG and the ACMG Foundation, we are planning two very special events during the ACMG Annual Meeting in Vancouver this March.

This year the ACMG Foundation will continue the medical genetics community’s tradition of caring by presenting bicycles to children with genetic disorders. To learn more about this wonderful event and how you can participate, visit the ACMG Foundation website at www.acmgfoundation.org.

If you attended last year’s Donor Recognition Reception in Albuquerque, you’ll remember how nice it was. We are planning another memorable event in Vancouver with great food and 180 degree views of Vancouver, the waterfront, Stanley Park and Coal Harbour. Friends who donated \$50 or more in 2010 will be mailed invitations. If you would like to attend, donations will be accepted at the door and online at www.acmgfoundation.org.





It's Not Too Late to Register for the 2011 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting!

If you or your colleagues have not yet registered—the Advance Registration deadline is February 9, after that date registrations are accepted on-site at the Late Registration fee—visit www.acmgmeeting.net for registration fees and the link to the online registration site.

Session Highlights

The detailed program schedule and speakers can be found at www.acmgmeeting.net in the Program Sessions and Events Schedule section of the website. Attendees can view the schedule overall or plan their session itinerary online.

Plenary sessions include:

- **2011 Presidential Plenary** that will include “The State of ACMG” and two scientific presentations – Translational Genomics and Health Outcomes and Update on the NIH’s Genetic Testing Registry.
- **42nd Annual March of Dimes Clinical Genetics Conference:** Hereditary Disorders of Connective Tissue: Update 2011
- **Highlights Plenary Session:** The Exome Strategy for Gene Discovery and Medical Practice
- **Closing Plenary Session:** Delivering Genomic Testing Results to Patients

In addition to the Special Interest Group Forums held Wednesday afternoon, a Special Satellite Session—Community Conversation with First Nations: Genetics Issues and Native Populations—will be held on Wednesday evening in addition to the Oral Abstract Platform Presentations on Friday and Saturday. Other invited sessions throughout the meeting will focus on topics such as Newborn Screening, Cardinal Signs of Select Genetic Syndromes and Rare Inborn Errors of Metabolism, Neoplastic Disorders, Disorders of Sex Development, Constitutional Mosaics, Genomic Medicine in the Prevention of Cancer, Global Perspectives on Screening for Jewish Genetic Diseases among many others.

Be sure to visit www.acmgmeeting.net for the list of pre-conference CME Courses, Industry Supported Symposia and other educational opportunities to be offered at the 2011 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Vancouver.

Travel to Canada

Those planning on attending the 2011 ACMG meeting are reminded that as of June 1, 2009, everyone traveling between the United States and Canada by land, sea (including cruises and ferries) or air will be required to present a valid passport or other documents, as determined by the Department of Homeland Security, to cross the border. Detailed information regarding passports, visas and entry requirements for Canada are located at www.acmgmeeting.net under “Attendee Information”, or call Immigration Canada at 1-888-242-2100 (in Canada) or visit their website at www.cic.gc.ca, or visit the Canadian Border Services Agency website: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/menu-eng.html>.

2011 ACMG Genetics Review Course

The next Genetics Review Course will be held June 2-5, 2011 at the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas. Program, registration and hotel information will be available at www.acmg.net in February 2011.