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Congratulations 2011 ACMG Foundation Award Winners

The ACMG Foundation congratulates the following 2011 award recipients on their outstanding achievement in and contribution to the field of medical genetics.

The late **Charles J. Epstein, MD, FACMG**, Founding Fellow and Past President of the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG), is the recipient of the American College of Medical Genetics Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Epstein was recognized for his extensive research on Down syndrome and other genetic disorders and for his part in gaining recognition for medical genetics by the American Board of Medical Specialists, which eventually led to the founding of ACMG.

Anna-Kaisa Niemi, MD, PhD, a resident at Stanford University Medical Center, is the 2011-2012 Genzyme/ACMG Foundation Clinical Genetics Fellowship in Biochemical Genetics.

Rebekah Stackpole Zimmerman, MD, PhD, received the Richard King Trainee Award for her manuscript titled "A Novel Custom Resequencing Array for Dilated Cardiomyopathy," which was published in May 2010's *Genetics in Medicine*. This award was instituted to encourage ABMG trainees in their careers and to foster the publication of quality research in *Genetics in Medicine*.

Adam H. Buchanan, MS, MPH, a board-certified genetic counselor and research scientist at Duke University, is the recipient of the PerkinElmer/Signature Genomic Laboratories Travel Award. Mr. Buchanan was selected for his platform presentation, "Telemedicine vs. in-person cancer genetic counseling in rural oncology clinics: a randomized controlled trial of cost and patient satisfaction."

For more information on these awards, fellowships, and scholarships and to donate to support ACMG Foundation scholarships or awards, please visit www.acmgfoundation.org.

First Annual Day of Caring Event a Huge Success

During the first annual ACMG Foundation Day of Caring, the ACMG Foundation gave new bicycles and helmets to 26 children affected by genetic disease. In partnerships with the Rare Disease Foundation of Vancouver, British Columbia, the Day of Caring demonstrates, once again, how much the medical genetics community cares.

The 2011 ACMG Foundation Day of Caring was supported through the generosity of ACMG members, and supported in part by PerkinElmer. For more information on these awards, fellowships, and scholarships or to donate to support ACMG Foundation scholarships or awards, please visit the ACMG Foundation website, www.acmgfoundation.org.

YT Chen Scholarship Enables 10 Geneticists to Attend the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting

Each year the ACMG Foundation supports the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting with grants and sponsorships. This year the ACMG Foundation offered 10 Alice and YT Chen Scholarships to attend the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Vancouver, BC, Canada. These scholarships were made possible through generous donations from ACMG members and Dr. YT Chen, who made his gift in honor of Dr. R. Rodney Howell, President of the ACMG Foundation.

ACMG Foundation Summer Scholars Program Pairs Medical Students with Geneticist Mentors

Medical students from around the country will have an opportunity to experience firsthand the new frontier of medicine in a revolutionary new genetics summer training program. The ACMG Foundation Summer Genetics Scholars Program introduces medical students to the breadth of experiences, opportunities and lifestyle inherent in the professional practice of a medical geneticist. Twenty institutions from around the US will participate in hosting 2011 ACMG Foundation Summer Genetics Scholars.

Funding for the new ACMG Foundation Summer Genetics Scholars Program is being provided by the ACMG Foundation and corporate sponsors through educational grants. Corporate sponsors include Ucyclid Pharma, Inc. – Lead Sponsor; BioMarin Pharmaceuticals, Inc. - Sponsor; Shire Human Genetic Therapies - Sponsor; and Amicus Therapeutics, Inc. – Contributor.

2011 ACMG Genetics Review Course

The 2011 ACMG Genetics Review Course will be held June 2-5, 2011 at the Hilton DFW Lakes Executive Conference Center in Grapevine, Texas. This 2 ½ day course provides an intense learning environment with exam preparation and general lectures designed to assist genetics healthcare professionals who are seeking to prepare for the initial certification and recertification examinations or to update and reinforce their general knowledge of medical genetics.

Registration fees include attendance at all sessions, Course Syllabus (print and CD versions) PLUS all meals (dinner Thursday evening, breakfast, lunch, dinner and breaks on Friday and Saturday, breakfast, and morning break on Sunday) and a reception on Saturday evening.

Program information and online registration and hotel reservations are now available at www.acmg.net.

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Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting

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March 27 - 31, 2012

Charlotte, North Carolina

The poster features a composite image: on the left, a close-up of a DNA double helix with the letters C, G, A, T, G, C visible; in the center, a modern building at night with a city skyline in the background; and on the right, a dark background with white text.