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Employment Opportunities

Postdoctoral Position.—A postdoctoral researcher is sought immediately to participate in molecular-genetics studies of disorders of cornification and ectodermal dysplasias. The successful applicant will join a strong multidisciplinary research program in a state-of-the-art facility that utilizes a wide spectrum of molecular, analytical, and biochemical techniques to map and identify disease genes, to evaluate genotype-phenotype correlations, and to study the underlying pathomechanisms and biology. Candidates should have a Ph.D., M.D., or M.D./Ph.D, a strong background in cellular and molecular biology and genetics, and the ability to work both as a team member and independently. Please send a curriculum vitae, a summary of past work, and the names and addresses of three references (preferably by e-mail) to Gabriele Richard, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University; telephone: (215) 503-8259; voice mail: (215) 503-1467; fax: (215) 503-5788; e-mail: Gabriele.Richard@mail.tju.edu. Jefferson Medical College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Genetic Counselor/Study Coordinator.—The Developmental Genome Anatomy Project (DGAP) is seeking an articulate and motivated individual to fill an immediate opening for a full-time study coordinator. DGAP is a gene-discovery project with international outreach, involving patients with apparently balanced chromosomal rearrangements and multiple congenital anomalies. Goals of DGAP include rapid mapping of chromosomal breakpoints, positional cloning of genes interrupted or dysregulated at the breakpoints, and validation of genes identified in specific anomalies through the creation of animal models. Join our research team at Harvard to coordinate the project, contacting physicians and patients, enrolling participants, interfacing with institutional review boards, and managing clinical data. Requires strong communication skills and ability to work independently. For more information, visit our Web site (http://www.bwhpathology.org/dgap/). If you are interested, please send your resume to Heather Ferguson, M.S., C.G.C., Harvard-Partners Center for Genetics & Genomics, HIM Building, Suite 640, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA 02115; telephone: (617) 525-5769; fax: (617) 525-5757; e-mail: hferguson1@partners.org

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Postdoctoral Research Associate.—A position for a postdoctoral fellow is available in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Virginia. The primary focus of the fellow's research will be on the relationship between histone modifications and the establishment and maintenance of imprinted gene expression. The research will involve targeted mutagenesis in mouse, as well as analysis of imprinting marks and imprinted gene expression during gametogenesis and embryonic development. A Ph.D. and a strong background in genetics and molecular biology are required. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Joseph Wagstaff, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Pediatrics/Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, Jordan Hall, Box 800733, University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, VA 22908-0733; e-mail: wagstaff@virginia.edu. The University of Virginia is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Professor/Associate Professor of Genetics.—The School of Medicine at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), is seeking applications from outstanding individuals to join a strong research program in genetics,

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including human genetics, genomics, and the use of model systems for development and disease. Of particular interest are multigenic diseases and identification of linked modifier genes and suppressors. This individual would have a broad interest in human genetics and would interact with researchers in our programs in developmental biology, the positional cloning of mammalian complex diseases, and the study of disease mechanisms in model organisms. This individual is expected to be internationally recognized in some aspect of basic genetics, as well as in gene discovery, genetics of complex diseases or development, genomics, and/or cytogenetics. The individual will lead our genetics program, including coordination of the appointment of future genetics faculty. Space will be available in the Center for Molecular Genetics. We expect this person to qualify for a Professor appointment, although outstanding candidates that are more junior will be considered. The level of appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience, with salary based on published University of California pay scales. UCSD is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer committed to excellence through diversity. Closing date for applications is October 1, 2002. To apply, send a detailed resume, copies of selected recent publications, and the names and addresses of at least three references to Dr. Michael G. Rosenfeld, Chair, Genetics Search Committee, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0648.

Postdoctoral Positions Available.—Two positions for postdoctoral fellows are available at the Epigenetics Unit of the Neurogenetics Section of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, for qualified candidates to study epigenetics of complex diseases, such as schizophrenia, diabetes, and inflammatory bowel disease (see Trends Genet 17:142–146; Schizophr Bull 25:639–655; Neuropsychopharmacology 23:1–12; Gut 47:302–306). Highly motivated individuals with a record of productivity and the ability to work well with others are encouraged to apply. A strong background in molecular biology is required. Experience in epigenetic research is desirable but not mandatory. Applicants should submit a summary of their research experience, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Dr. Art Petronis, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, and University of Toronto, 250 College Street, Toronto ON M5T 1R8, Canada; e-mail: arturas_petronis@camh.net

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Faculty Position in Clinical Genetics.—The Center for Human Genetics at University Hospitals of Cleveland seeks a physician (M.D. or M.D./Ph.D.) who is certified or eligible for certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG) in clinical genetics, to join an active academic hospital–based clinical practice. The Center for Human Genetics is well established, with four ABMG-certified clinical geneticists, an ABMG-certified cytogeneticist, and seven genetic counselors certified by the American Board of Genetic Counselors. In addition, there is a strong record of excellence in training, clinical laboratory services, and clinical and basic laboratory research. The service work will focus on the diagnosis and care of general pediatric or adult genetics patients. A focus in biochemical genetics would be ideal but is not required. The successful candidate will have a strong academic track record and an interest in developing an independent research program or participating in multidisciplinary research. The Center enjoys a strongly collaborative relationship with the Department of Genetics at Case Western Reserve University, and thus this position may include an appropriate academic appointment. Candidates should send a statement of interest and qualifications, by e-mail or regular mail, to Georgia L. Wiesner, M.D., Clinical Director, Center for Human Genetics, 11100 Euclid Avenue, Lakeside 1500, Cleveland, OH 44106; e-mail: Georgia.Wiesner@uhhs.com. The University Hospitals of Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University are equal opportunity employers. Female and minority candidates are encouraged to apply.

Tenure-Track Assistant/Associate Professor Positions in Genetics.—The Department of Genetics at Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center, in New Orleans, invites applications for tenure-track faculty positions, at the assistant- or associate-professor levels, to enhance growth and expansion in human genetics, genomics/bioinformatics, and genetic epidemiology. Exciting opportunities for collaborative interdisciplinary research exist through LSU Centers of Excellence in cancer, neuroscience, oral biology, and cardiovascular biology, as well as through the Louisiana Gene Therapy Consortium and the Kresge Hearing Research Laboratory. Successful candidates will enjoy excellent space and state-of-the-art equipment and core facilities. Requirements are postdoctoral experience and the ability to establish an extramurally supported research program. Contribution to the graduate and medical teaching activities of the department is expected. Please send a curriculum vitae, a description of research interests, and the addresses of three references to Bronya Keats, Ph.D., Department of Genetics, LSU Health Sciences Center, 533 Bolivar Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. LSU Health Sciences Center is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Meetings

International DNA Sampling Conference.—The 3d International DNA Sampling Conference will be held in Montreal, Canada, September 5–8, 2002. The conference will be hosted by the Center for Research in Law of the University of Montreal, the Health Law Institute of the University of Alberta, and the Network for Applied Genetic Research of Quebec. This conference will bring together leaders, researchers and policy-makers to examine the following themes: "Population Genetics and Community Genetics," "Research: DNA Sampling and Banking," "Public and Private Databases," "Discrimination," "Benefit-Sharing," and "Patents." For additional information, please visit the conference Web site (http://www.humgen.umontreal.ca/conference/en/) or reach us by telephone at (514) 343-2142.

Human Genome Variation Society Annual General Meeting.—This year's meeting will be held in Baltimore, MD, on October 15, 2002, as a satellite of the ASHG meeting. All are invited and encouraged to attend. This conference brings together researchers and bioinformaticists and will examine planned mutation collection from research and diagnostic laboratories, mutation nomenclature, and generic software for mutation databases, as well as other topics. All abstracts relating to human genome variation, especially those with a database of variations or nomenclature slant, will be considered. Abstracts are invited from all attendees, although they are not required. For additional information, please visit the conference Web site (http://www.genomic.unimelb.edu.au/mdi/meetings/balt.html). See the Society's Web site (http://www.hgvs.org) for further information about the Society and how to join.

Inborn Errors of Cholesterol Metabolism.—A meeting on the inborn errors of cholesterol metabolism, sponsored by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the Office of Rare Diseases, will be held at the National Institutes of Health on November 14–15, 2002. This conference will feature speakers with expertise in cholesterol synthesis and metabolism, as well as speakers with expertise in the inborn errors of cholesterol synthesis, including Smith-Lemli-Opitz syndrome. If you are interested in attending, please contact either Forbes D. Porter (fdporter@helix.nih.gov) or Norman Javitt (norman.javitt@med.nyu.edu).

Symposium

Third International Symposium on Vertebrate Sex Determination.—The third symposium on the biology of sex determination in vertebrates will held March 23–29, 2003, at the King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel (telephone: [800] 367-6060) on the island of Hawaii. The symposium will cover the process of sex determination in vertebrate animals, from fish to humans. The contribution of papers on any topic in sex determination and sex differentiation in vertebrates is welcome. Presentations may be oral or poster. Attendance at the symposium will be limited to 250. For further information please contact either Valentine A. Lance (telephone: [619] 557-3944; fax: [619] 557-3959; e-mail: lvalenti@sunstroke.sdsu.edu) or Mark H. Bogart (e-mail: bogartm001@hawaii.rr.com).

Funding Opportunity

Research Grants Program in Pediatric Epilepsy Research.—The Partnership for Pediatric Epilepsy Research invites preliminary proposals for innovative research leading to new insights into pediatric epilepsy, its causes, and potential avenues for new treatments and cures. The Partnership for Pediatric Epilepsy Research is a consortium of organizations and individuals working together in support of this common goal. Proposals for both clinical and basic research projects are invited from investigators who hold an advanced degree (M.D. and/or Ph.D.) and who have completed all research training. This call for proposals is open to investigators based at corporations, as well as those in academic/university settings. All research must be conducted in the United States. The deadline for submission of preliminary proposals is November 15, 2002. Funding of projects selected through a peer review of invited full applications is to commence on July 1, 2003. For further information, including guidelines for submission of preliminary proposals, contact Partnership for Pediatric Epilepsy Research, c/o Epilepsy Foundation, Research Department, 4351 Garden City Drive, Landover, MD 20785; telephone: (301) 459-3700; fax: (301) 577-2684; e-mail: grants@efa.org; or directly access the call for proposals by visiting the Epilepsy Foundation's Web site (http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/index.cfm). Members of the Partnership for Pediatric Epilepsy Research currently include the American Epilepsy Society, Derek's Fund, the Epilepsy Foundation, Anna and Jim Fantaci,

Fight Against Childhood Epilepsy & Seizures (f.a.c.e.s.), Neurotherapy Ventures Charitable Research Fund, and Parents Against Childhood Epilepsy (PACE).

WORKSHOP

Fetal Cell Workshop.—The 13th Fetal Cell Workshop will be held on October 15, 2002, at the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor Hotel, in Baltimore, MD, under the auspices of the International Down's Syndrome Screening Program. The following sessions have been organized as a guide for abstract submissions: (1) "Strategies for Identifying Fetal Cells in Maternal Blood," (2) "Strategies for Isolating or Enriching Fetal Cells from Maternal Blood," (3) "Strategies for Analyzing Fetal Cells for Genetic Mutations," (4) "Strategies/Applications for Analyzing Fetal DNA in Maternal Circulation," and (5) "Requisites for Clinical Trials." Deadline for abstracts (<300 words) is September 15, 2002, as an e-mail attachment to be sent to Pinar Toydemir, Scientific Secretary (pinbayrak@yahoo.com). For more information and registration ($30) forms, visit the Fetal Cell Workshop's Web site (http://www.fetal−exposure.org/fetalcell/fc.htm). If you are attending the ASHG meeting as well, it is recommended that hotel reservations be made through the Hotel Bureau of ASHG (http://www.ashg.org/genetics/ashg/ashgmenu.htm); for the Fetal Cell Workshop alone, the telephone number of the Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor is (410) 962-0202.