

# Announcements<sup>1</sup>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

*Postdoctoral Training Positions in Medical Genetics.*—Applications are invited for 3-year postdoctoral positions in medical genetics in the Department of Medical Genetics at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Trainees are sought for research in the following areas: human genetics of ocular disease, imprinting, cancer, mitochondrial disease, liver disease, chromosomal disorders, developmental disorders, and complex traits. To find out more about research in the Department of Medical Genetics, visit our Web site (<http://www.uofa-medical-genetics.org/>). Candidates with a Ph.D. degree who have a strong background, including research publications, in genetics, molecular biology, or biochemistry are encouraged to apply. Applications should include a statement of research interests, research experience, and training goals and the names of three graduate faculty from whom letters of recommendation can be obtained. Please send applications to Shari Barham, Department of Medical Genetics, 8-39 Medical Sciences Building, Edmonton, AB, Canada, T6G 2H7; e-mail: [shari.barham@ualberta.ca](mailto:shari.barham@ualberta.ca)

*Associate Director, Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics.*—US Labs invites applications for the position of Associate Director of Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics. The successful candidate must have a doctoral-level degree and certification in clinical cytogenetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Certification in molecular genetics and experience in cancer cyto-

genetics are highly desirable. Eligibility for State of California Laboratory Director licensure is required. US Labs is a rapidly growing, national cancer-testing reference laboratory, located in Irvine, CA, that currently performs anatomic pathology and genetic testing. Southern California has arguably the most perfect year-round climate in the country. Salary and benefits are extremely competitive and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested applicants should send a curriculum vitae to Bob Gasparini, Director, Genetics, US Labs, 2601 Campus Drive, Irvine, CA 92612; e-mail: [TeamGenetics@uslabs.net](mailto:TeamGenetics@uslabs.net)

*Tenure-Track Faculty Position for Genetic Statisticians.*—The Genomic Medicine Program, Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, is seeking well-qualified applicants with strong backgrounds and interest in the area of genetic statistics. Individuals with an advanced degree (Ph.D.) who have completed postdoctoral training with demonstrated productivity are encouraged to apply. Successful candidates will be expected to interact with epidemiologists, physicians, and biologists in the genetic study of complex diseases and to work independently and innovatively on methodology development. Applications accompanied by a curriculum vitae with bibliography, a statement of research interests, and three reference letters should be sent to Dr. S. T. Lee, Chairperson, Recruitment Committee, Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taipei 11529, Taiwan, ROC. For details, see our Web site (<http://www.ibms.sinica.edu.tw/>).

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please mail announcements to The American Journal of Human Genetics, Department of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 615 Michael Street, Room 301, Atlanta, GA 30322-3050; fax them to (404) 712-9984; or send via E-mail to [ajhg@emory.edu](mailto:ajhg@emory.edu). Submission must be received at least 7 weeks before the month of issue in which publication is requested. They must be double spaced with a 1½-inch margin on all sides. The maximum length is 250 words, excluding the address for correspondence. Please include a cover letter indicating the name of the sponsoring ASHG member.

*Assistant Director in Clinical Cytogenetics.*—The Department of Pediatrics, Division of Medical Genetics, Washington University School of Medicine, is recruiting a board-certified clinical cytogeneticist to join the faculty of the Division of Medical Genetics. Responsibilities will include participation in the oversight of the daily diagnostic operations of the laboratory; teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows; and supporting a staff of geneticists and genetic counselors. The assistant di-

rector will assist in overseeing the performance of standard cytogenetic and FISH tests in amniotic fluids, CVS, products of conception, peripheral bloods, and bone marrows. Laboratories on campus include Biochemical Genetics and DNA Diagnosis. Washington University in St. Louis offers an excellent benefits package including medical/dental insurance, retirement program, and dependent tuition. Faculty appointment and compensation are commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested applicants must send a letter with a curriculum vitae (including three references) to Dr. Jaime Garcia-Heras, M.D./Ph.D., Director of Cytogenetics, Department of Pediatrics, Medical Genetics, 4942 Parkview Place, Box 8116, St. Louis, MO 63110; e-mail: garcia-heras\_j@kids.wustl.edu. AA/EOE M/F/D/V.

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*Cytogenetic Technologists.*—The Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory at Washington University School of Medicine has full-time positions available for cytogenetic technologists. Candidates with all levels of experience are encouraged to apply. National Credentialing Agency certification is preferred but not mandatory. The laboratory provides a full range of services in cytogenetics and fluorescence in situ hybridization on amniotic fluids, chorionic villus samples, peripheral bloods, bone marrows, solid tumors, and POCs. We offer a competitive salary and an attractive package of benefits (401[k] retirement plan and medical, dental, and life insurance). For more information, contact Dr. J. Garcia-Heras at garcia-heras\_j@kids.wustl.edu. Please submit your resume to Dr. J. Garcia-Heras, Washington University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, Box 8116, 4942 Parkview Place, St. Louis, MO 63110; fax: (314) 454-5192. AA/EOE/M/F/D/V.

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*Faculty, Epidemiology or Biostatistics.*—The Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine at the University of Ottawa (<http://www.medicine.uottawa.ca/epid/>) seeks scholars to fill one or more faculty positions. Opportunities are available for both tenure-track and non-tenure-track appointments at any academic rank. Exceptional candidates could be nominated for a Canada Research Chair. Applicants should have appropriate academic qualifications and ideally should have a strong record in academic research and teaching, with a demonstrated ability to obtain external research funding. As one priority area, the Department has an evolving research program in genetic and molecular epidemiology. Special areas of interest include cancer, cardiovascular disease, lung function, and societal/ethical issues in genetics. Active collaborations exist with internationally recognized groups studying human genetics at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, the Ottawa Hospital

Research Institute, and the Ottawa Regional Cancer Centre. Collaborations also exist with Health Canada, with a focus on environmental health and health policy. Candidates would be expected to develop an independent research program. Applications, including a current curriculum vitae, a statement of research goals/interests, and the names of three references, should be sent to Dr. George Wells, Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, 451 Smyth Road, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1H 8M5. Applications will be reviewed as they are received. Applicants are encouraged to apply before September 1, 2003. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Wells at (613) 562-5410 or via e-mail (gwells@uottawa.ca). In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, this advertisement is directed primarily but not exclusively to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Bilingualism (French/English) is a definite asset. Equity is a university policy. The university strongly encourages applications from women.

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*Director, Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine.*—The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Brigham and Womens Hospital, a major teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School, is seeking a Director of the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine. Applicants must be certified both in obstetrics and gynecology and in maternal fetal medicine. Strong interpersonal, administrative, and clinical skills are required. It is preferable that candidates have nationally recognized expertise in areas such as genetics, ultrasound, or research. A commitment to teaching residents and medical students is essential. Academic rank at Harvard Medical School will be commensurate with experience, training, and achievements. Send an inquiry and a curriculum vitae to Robert L. Barbieri, M.D., Chairman, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Brigham and Womens Hospital, 75 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02115. The Brigham and Womens Hospital and Harvard Medical School are affirmative action, equal opportunity employers.

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#### COURSE

*Course in Advanced Molecular and Cellular Medicine.*—The 3rd European-American School in Forensic Genetics and Mayo Clinic Course in Advanced Molecular and Cellular Medicine will be held September 1–5, 2003, in Zagreb, Croatia. The deadline for abstract submission is June 20, 2003. The meeting will provide an opportunity for exchange of the latest information and technology in clinical and forensic genetics. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. The program from the European-American School in Forensic Genetics will include sessions

on Analysis of X and Y Chromosomes, Bioterrorism, DNA Analysis in Mass Disaster, DNA Data Banks, DNA Identification of Skeletal Remains, DNA in the Courtroom (Scientific, Statistical and Legal Aspects), Ethical Issues in Forensic Science, Innovations in DNA Typing Technologies, Mitochondrial DNA Analysis, Plant and Animal DNA Typing, and Statistics in Forensic Science. An Applied Biosystems workshop will be held on PCR-Based Detection Instruments and Chemistry in Forensic Genetics. The Mayo Clinic Course in Advanced Molecular and Cellular Medicine will include sessions on Bioethics, Cell Engineering for Bone Marrow Transplants and Immunotherapy, Design of Clinical Trials, DNA Patenting, Genomics and Pharmacogenetics, Molecular Diagnostics, Proteomics, Stem Cells, Vector Design and Application (Gene Therapy), and Xenotransplantation. We look forward to sharing this unique scientific experience with you. Please see the course Web site (<http://www.european-american-genetics-meetings.org>).

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#### MEETING

*Third International Costello Syndrome Conference, 2003.*—The Third International Costello Syndrome Conference will be held in Wilmington, DE, on July 24–27, 2003. The conference will be hosted by the A. I. duPont Hospital for Children, in partnership with the North American Costello Syndrome Family Network (NACSFN) and the International Costello Syndrome Support Group (ICSSG). The first day will provide social and educational activities for families. The second and third days include a scientific program for families and professionals. Educational and medical presentations will discuss a variety of topics related to the care of children and adults with Costello syndrome. All are welcome. Information is available for professionals from Karen Gripp, M.D. ([Kgripp@nemours.org](mailto:Kgripp@nemours.org)), and Angela Lin, M.D. ([ALIN@Partners.org](mailto:ALIN@Partners.org)). Families can contact Katie Slawitchek ([ktslaw@earthlink.net](mailto:ktslaw@earthlink.net)). Details are also posted at the Web site (<http://www.costellokids.org.uk>).

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#### CONFERENCE

*British Human Genetics Conference.*—The British Human Genetics Conference will be held September 15–17,

2003, at the University of York, England. Symposia will include Genetics of Complex Disorders, with speakers Prof. Juha Kere (Huddinge), Dr. Joseph Terwilliger (New York), Prof. Andrew Wilkie (Oxford), and others; "Unusual Genetic Mechanisms, with speakers Dr. Judith Goodship (Newcastle), Prof. Val Sheffield (Iowa), and Dr. Philip Beales (London); Heterozygote—Advantages and Disadvantages, with speakers Prof. Marcus Pembrey (London), Prof. Sue Povey (London), Prof. David Bonthron (Leeds), and Prof. Sir David Weatherall (Oxford); Duplicons and Break Points, with speakers Prof. Evan Eichler (Cleveland), Dr. Janet Young (Seattle), Prof. Orsetta Zuffardi (Pavia), and Prof. Patricia Jacobs (Salisbury); and Mechanisms of DNA Repair and Cancer Predisposition, with speakers Dr. Chris Mathew (London), Prof. Alan Lehmann (Brighton), and Prof. Stephen Jackson (Cambridge). The Carter Lecture will be given by Prof. Sir Alec Jeffreys on Genetic Fingerprinting and Beyond: Exploring Human Genome Diversity and Instability. A debate will be held, with the motion This house believes parents should be allowed to choose the sex of their child; speakers for the motion will include Prof. Marcus Pembrey (London) and Dr. Lyn Chitty (London), and speakers against the motion will include Dr. Frances Flinter (London) and Dr. Tom Shakespeare (Newcastle). Workshops will include U.K. Cancer Cytogenetics Group—Advances in Haematology Genetics, with speakers Debra Lillington (London), Dr. Christine Harrison (Southampton), Dr. David Grimwade (London), and Dr. Stephen O'Brien (Newcastle); Public Understanding of Genetics—Getting the Message Across, with speakers Dr. Rachel Iredale (Cardiff), Mrs. Sally Taffinder (London), Beverley Searle (UNIQUE), Pam Davies (CLIMB), and Dr. Judith Hall (Vancouver); Gene Dosage Measurement: Methods and Applications, with speakers Prof. Jan Dumanski (Uppsala), Prof. Mario Tosi (Rouen), Dr. Gareth Cross (Nottingham), Dr. David Baty (Dundee), and Mrs. Rachel Butler (Cardiff). Plenary and concurrent sessions will be scheduled from submitted papers. Further information is available from The Conference Office, British Society for Human Genetics, Clinical Genetics Unit, Birmingham Womens Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TG, United Kingdom; telephone/fax: (0121) 627-2634; e-mail: [york2003@bshg.org.uk](mailto:york2003@bshg.org.uk). Please see our Web site (<http://www.bshg.org.uk>). Registered Charity No: 1058821.