

Announcements¹

CONFERENCES

Fourth International Costello Syndrome Conference.—The Fourth International Costello Syndrome Conference will be held in Saint Louis, MO, on June 22–26, 2005. The conference will be hosted by Saint Louis University, in partnership with the North American Costello Syndrome Family Network (NACSFN) and the International Costello Syndrome Support Group. The first day will provide family-oriented evaluations. Presentations on the second day will cover educational and social perspectives. The scientific program on genetic and medical treatment issues will take place on the third and fourth days. Educational and medical presentations will explore a variety of topics related to the care of children and adults with Costello syndrome. All are welcome to attend. The meeting will conclude with a day for the families to spend time together. Families may contact Dr. Mary Dasovich (dasovich@slu.edu), Dr. Dennis Fuller (fullerdp@slu.edu), or Dr. Nikki Murdick (murdickn@slu.edu). For the NACSFN, contact the president, Ms. Lisa Schoyer (lschoyer@ladhs.org); for the Professional Advisory Board, contact Dr. Angela Lin (alin@partners.org) or Dr. Karen Gripp (kgripp@nemours.org). Details will also be posted on two Web sites (<http://www.costellokids.org.uk> and http://publicservice.slu.edu/spec_learn_clinic.html).

The Great Lakes Chromosome Conference.—The 43rd annual Great Lakes Chromosome Conference will be held May 19–20, 2005, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. This conference brings together clinical cytogeneticists, cytogenetics fellows, and technologists in an informal setting to examine the themes of cancer cytogenet-

ics, clinical problems, research programs, and new technologies. For additional information, please visit the conference Web site (<http://glccontario.tripod.com/theGLCC/>). If you wish to be added to the conference e-mail list, please contact meeting organizer Marsha Speevak (mspeevak@cvh.on.ca).

CALL FOR PAPERS

17th Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences.—The 17th Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) will be held August 21–26, 2005, in Hong Kong. It will be the second IAFS meeting ever to be held in Asia. The submission deadline for papers is March 31, 2005. Topics include clinical forensic medicine, computer forensics and digital evidence, criminalistics, criminal profiling, DNA profiling and serology, drugs of abuse, engineering sciences, fingerprint detection and identification, firearm/toolmark examination and identification, forensic anthropology and human identification, forensic biology, forensic education, forensic entomology, forensic nursing, forensic odontology, forensic pathology, forensic psychiatry, law and ethics, mass disaster victim identification, quality assurance and laboratory management, questioned documents, scientific historiography/forensic archaeology, sexual assault examination, toxicology, traffic medicine, victims of torture and genocide, wildlife forensics, and others. A submission form and further details are available on the IAFS meeting Web site (<http://www.iafs2005.com>). For further inquiries, please contact the Conference Secretariat; telephone: (852) 2559 9973; fax: (852) 2547 9528; e-mail: info@iafs2005.com

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please e-mail announcements to 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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Director of Clinical Molecular Genetics/Cytogenetics.—The Department of Laboratory Medicine at Columbus Children's Hospital is recruiting a laboratory

geneticist with American Board of Medical Genetics certification (or eligibility) in both clinical molecular genetics and clinical cytogenetics. The primary responsibilities of this individual will include development of new clinical assays in the Molecular Genetics Laboratory; review and sign-out of cases in the Molecular Genetics and Cytogenetics Laboratories; training of medical students, residents, and fellows; and oversight of the daily operation of the Molecular Genetics Laboratory. The Molecular Genetics Laboratory is a well-equipped clinical laboratory that performs testing for inherited disease and pediatric oncology. The laboratory also serves as one of the two acute lymphoblastic leukemia molecular reference laboratories of the Children's Oncology Group. The Cytogenetics Laboratory performs all standard cytogenetic and FISH testing of peripheral blood and prenatal samples. A faculty appointment in the Department of Pathology at the Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health is associated with this position. Interested applicants should send a letter and a curriculum vitae (including three references) to Sharon Cullen, Operations Manager, Department of Laboratory Medicine, 700 Children's Drive, Columbus, OH 43205; e-mail: cullens@chi.osu.edu. To learn more about Columbus Children's Hospital, visit the hospital's Web site (<http://www.columbuschildrens.com>).

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Computational Genomic Epidemiology of Cancer.—The Case Comprehensive Cancer Center at Case Western Reserve University is accepting applications for postdoctoral career development fellowships in computational genomic epidemiology of cancer. The program director is Robert C. Elston, Ph.D. The annual salary for the position is \$65,000, with annual research funds of \$20,000. Postdoctoral fellows train for 2–3 years with two or more mentors from different disciplines. This training prepares an individual for a career as an independent cancer researcher at the forefront of computational genomic epidemiology of cancer. Individualized programs are developed to provide training across the range of traditional disciplines that comprise computational genomic epidemiology of cancer. This research experience will be simultaneously coordinated with a core curriculum supplemented with additional didactic training. It is anticipated that fellows with differing backgrounds and interests will take part in different courses and research experiences. Applicants need to have a strong quantitative background, and they must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. For a description of the application process and for more information, visit the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center Web site (<http://cancer.cwru.edu/>) (under "Training Opportunities," click on "Training in Computational Genomic Epidemiology of Cancer"). The application dead-

line is January 31, 2005, for fellowships that begin in the summer of 2005. Questions regarding these fellowships may be directed to Margy Weinberg, Training Grants Manager, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center; telephone: (216) 844-5375; e-mail: margy.weinberg@case.edu

Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor in Statistical Genetics.—The Institute for Behavioral Genetics at the University of Colorado, Boulder, seeks to recruit an expert in statistical genetics. We invite applications for a tenured or tenure-track position with a joint appointment in an appropriate academic department. Candidates should have an active program of research that involves the development of statistical-genetics methods for the study of complex behavioral traits. The appointee will participate in the research and teaching missions of both the Institute and his or her academic department. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, sample research papers, and at least three letters of recommendation to the following address: Statistical Genetics Search Committee, Institute for Behavioral Genetics, University of Colorado, 447 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0447. Inquiries should be addressed to John K. Hewitt, Chair, Statistical Genetics Search Committee; telephone: (303) 492-0742; e-mail: John.Hewitt@Colorado.edu. Application review will begin immediately, and the position may remain open until filled. The appointment will begin in August 2005 or as soon as possible thereafter. The University of Colorado at Boulder is committed to diversity and equality in education and employment.

Research Associate Position in Quantitative Genetics.—A research associate position is available in the Department of Human Genetics at the University of Michigan in the area of quantitative genetics, genetic epidemiology, or statistical genetics. Individuals must have a background in the biological sciences (Ph.D. or M.D.) as well as expertise in mathematics or statistics. Individuals with nontraditional training are welcome. We work primarily in the area of determining genetic risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Specifically, we are concerned with developing strategies to compress large amounts of genetic data to evaluate the utility of genetics beyond traditional risk factors and to estimate the contribution of epistatic gene effects to the prediction of common human diseases. The successful applicant should be able to work independently, should demonstrate proficiency in writing articles for peer-reviewed journals, and should show willingness to think outside the current research paradigm in genetics. Candidates should submit a current curriculum vitae, a statement of research experience, and

the names of three individuals who can provide letters of reference to Dr. Charles F. Sing, Department of Human Genetics, University of Michigan, 5928 Buhl Building, 1241 East Catherine Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-0618; e-mail: dltheo@umich.edu

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Milo Gladstein Foundation for Bloom's Syndrome.—We are pleased to announce the establishment of the Milo Gladstein Foundation for Bloom's Syndrome to support research on Bloom's syndrome. The foundation was established in 2004 by Lauri and Richard Gladstein and is named for their 4-year-old son, who is affected with this disorder. The founders express the goal to fund research that aims at the development of a therapy for Bloom's syndrome and at the prevention of its complications, primarily the significant risk of developing can-

cer at an early age. Investigators who would like to contribute toward these goals are invited to submit a letter of intent. This letter of intent should contain the following information: (1) name, address, and academic affiliation of the potential applicant; (2) a two-page National Institutes of Health (NIH)-style bio-bibliography form; (3) a brief outline of the investigation to be initiated (not to exceed two pages); and (4) an outline of current resources and support. The letter of intent should be addressed to Richard Gladstein at the Milo Gladstein Foundation for Bloom's Syndrome, 7095 Hollywood Boulevard #583, Hollywood, CA 90028; e-mail: rng@filmcolony.com. Proposals will be evaluated by the foundation's founding Board members: David L. Rimoin, M.D., Ph.D.; James L. German, M.D.; and Eberhard Passarge, M.D. After appropriate consultation, a decision will be reached as to whether the applicant will be invited to submit a formal NIH-style research application.