

# ANNOUNCEMENTS<sup>1</sup>

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## Employment Opportunities

*Research Associate Position in Genetic Epidemiology.*—The Division of Genetic Epidemiology of the Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria, seeks to recruit a scientist with experience in genetic epidemiology and statistical genetics. We primarily investigate genetic risk factors for cardiovascular disease, with a focus on intermediate phenotypes, as well as other complex diseases. We are applying methods of linkage analysis and association studies. Future projects will focus on genomewide association studies. It will be the task of the successful applicant to extend or establish the necessary methods. Therefore, experience in bioinformatic methods will be helpful. Since coworkers and collaborative partners have to be consulted, communicative skills and teamwork are required. However, the candidate should be also able to work relatively independently. It is expected that the appointee will write grant applications and scientific articles. For a detailed information on our division and genotyping unit, as well as the deadline for applications, please visit our Web site (<http://www.i-med.ac.at/genepi/>). Please send any inquiry concerning the position—or your informal application, including a curriculum vitae and a statement of research and analysis experience—as soon as possible to Dr. Florian Kronenberg; e-mail: [Florian.Kronenberg@i-med.ac.at](mailto:Florian.Kronenberg@i-med.ac.at)

*Assistant/Associate Professor, Cancer Pharmacogenomics.*—The University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy invites applications for a tenure-track assistant/associate professor. The successful candidate will develop and maintain an externally funded translational research program, will mentor graduate students/postdoctoral fellows, and will contribute to the teaching mission of the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics. Primary research interests within the Division (and emphases within its new graduate program) include but are not limited to pharmacogenomics, drug resistance, drug metabolism, drug transport, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics. The Division intends to lead the nation in achieving excellence in innovative translational research, education, and progressive pharmacy practice to optimize drug therapy outcomes. Collaborative research opportunities exist with faculty in the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, the Carolina Center for Genome Sciences, and other programs in the Schools of Medicine, Public Health, Dentistry, and Nursing. These schools make up one of the nation's few comprehensive academic health

centers, located on a world-class research campus. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Applications, including a curriculum vitae and names and contact information for four references, should be submitted to Kim L. R. Brouwer, Pharm.D., Ph.D., School of Pharmacy, Kerr Hall, CB #7360, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7360. For more information, see the School of Pharmacy's Web site (<http://www.pharmacy.unc.edu/>). The University of North Carolina is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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## Meetings

*12th and 13th Annual International Scientific Meetings of the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation.*—The Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc., will be holding two annual meetings this year, the first in Strasbourg, France, July 7–9, 2006, and the second in Brisbane, Australia, November 2–4, 2006. The Strasbourg meeting will be cosponsored and hosted by Génération22. The international and interdisciplinary faculty at the meeting in Strasbourg includes eminent researchers and clinicians from France, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United States and will cover the latest research in molecular genetics, psychiatric illness, speech and feeding disorders, surgical outcomes, neural imaging, development, and education, among other topics. The official languages of the meeting will be English and French, with simultaneous translation of all presentations. The registration fee is €35 (\$42 U.S.) per person. Additional information is available at the Educational Foundation's Web site (<http://www.vcfsef.org>). Additional information may also be obtained from the Génération22 Web site (<http://www.generation22.asso.fr>). The Brisbane meeting will be cosponsored and hosted by The VCFS Foundation (Qld), Inc. The international and interdisciplinary faculty at the meeting in Brisbane is being assembled and will include eminent researchers and clinicians covering the latest research in genetics and genomics, speech and feeding disorders, surgical outcomes, psychiatric illness, neural imaging, development, and education, among other topics. Details will follow in the coming months and will be available at the Web sites of the Educational Foundation (<http://www.vcfsef.org>) and The VCFS Foundation (Qld),

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please e-mail announcements to [ajhg@ajhg.net](mailto:ajhg@ajhg.net). 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.

Inc. (<http://www.vcfs.com.au>). The meetings are open to all professionals and laypeople with an interest in the disorder. The Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, Inc., is an international alliance of professionals and laypeople whose mission is to spread information about VCFS (also known as "DiGeorge syndrome" and "deletion 22q11 syndrome") and to advocate for people with the disorder. The annual meetings of the Educational Foundation have reached >3,000 professionals and laypeople since the first meeting in 1995.

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*Society of Craniofacial Genetics.*—The Society of Craniofacial Genetics will be meeting on October 9th, 2006, in conjunction with the American Society of Human Genetics meeting in New Orleans. Submissions for presentation are invited, and should be sent to [virginia.kimonis@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:virginia.kimonis@childrens.harvard.edu). Information on the Society of Craniofacial Genetics and a membership application are available on the Society's Web site (<http://craniofacialgenetics.org/>).

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## Symposia

*WORLD (We're Organizing Research on Lysosomal Diseases) Symposium 2006.*—The 3rd annual conference will be presented by the Lysosomal Disease Network in partnership with Dr. Chet Whitley, a professor in the Department of

Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota, on December 7–9, 2006, at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Orlando, FL. The goal of the annual symposium is to provide an interdisciplinary forum to explore and discuss specific areas of interest related to lysosomal diseases. The symposium is appropriate for clinicians, geneticists and genetic counselors, neurologists and neuropsychologists, researchers, nurses, and other health care professionals, as well as patients and families, patient/family support organizations, and industry professionals. Disease focuses will include mucopolysaccharidosis, mucopolidosis, oligosaccharidosis, Fabry disease, Batten disease, Gaucher disease, Pompe disease, and sphingolipidoses. The deadline for abstracts is July 1, 2006; for abstract submission, use the Lysosomal Disease Network Web site (<http://www.lysosomal-diseases-network.org>). To register, visit the University of Minnesota's Continuing Medical Education Web site (<http://www.cme.umn.edu>), click "Course Calendar," and scroll to "WORLD Symposium," or else contact the University of Minnesota by telephone, at (612) 626-7600 or (800) 776-8636. To make hotel reservations, call (407) 824-3869, and be sure to mention the WORLD symposium to receive a discounted room rate. For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Medical Education at the URL or telephone numbers above or by e-mail ([cmereg@umn.edu](mailto:cmereg@umn.edu)). A complete brochure with a detailed agenda will be available this summer. The University of Minnesota is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education to physicians.