ANNOUNCEMENTS[1]

Employment Opportunities

Postdoctoral Position in Statistical Genetic Analysis and Genetic Epidemiology.—The Genetics of Complex Disorders (GCD) training program in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University provides pre- and postdoctoral training in the genetic epidemiology and statistical genetic analysis of complex diseases, including psychiatric disorders. Our mission is to train scientists who will be aware of all aspects of genetic studies, including study design, clinical aspects, phenotype definition, molecular laboratory issues, and statistical analysis. Training includes both didactic (i.e., coursework and lab rotations) and research components. We currently have one postdoctoral opening. We seek an applicant with a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in the genetic analysis of complex disorders, preferably also with training in statistics, medicine, epidemiology, and/or genetics. Applicants must have a Ph.D., M.D., or equivalent degree. Further information can be obtained at our Web site (http://cpmcnet.columbia.edu/dept/sph/epi/gcd/) or from Susan E. Hodge, D.Sc, NYSPI, Unit 24, 1051 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10032. Columbia University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.

Clinical Geneticist.—The Department of Medical Genetics at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN is seeking a full-time board-certified/board-eligible clinical geneticist with special expertise or interest in patients with inborn errors of metabolism. Board eligibility in biochemical genetics is desired but not necessary. The successful candidate will join our department of six clinical geneticists, 15 laboratory geneticists, 11 genetics counselors, and allied health support staff. The focus of practice will be patients with metabolic conditions, as well as general genetics conditions. Mayo Clinic's Department of Medical Genetics has several multidisciplinary clinics, strong working connections with the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology, and genetics laboratories which provide state-of-the-art diagnostics and clinical care to patients with a variety of genetic conditions. The successful candidate will coordinate and further develop the already established Mayo Clinic Metabolic Program. The Department of Medical Genetics is integrated with the >50 clinical departments and divisions, providing care to an interesting, challenging, and diverse group of patients from our region and around the world. Practice opportunities range from developing a community-based practice to international consultation. The successful candidate will enjoy close clinical collaboration with pediatricians, neurologists, endocrinologists, surgeons, and practitioners from multiple other disciplines. Opportunities to conduct research and to teach medical students, residents, fellows, visiting clinicians, and allied health professionals are essential components of the position. Candidates should be clinicians committed to an academic career with a focus in metabolic errors, as well as embracing Mayo Clinic's values of teamwork and collaboration. The faculty member will have an academic appointment commensurate with prior background in The Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. Please send your letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and two references to Dusica Babovic-Vuksanovic, M.D., Chair, Department of Medical Genetics, Mayo Clinic, 200 1st Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905; e-mail: dbabovic@mayo.edu

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Fellowship in Medical Genetics and Pediatric Endocrinology.—A combined medical genetics and pediatric endocrinology fellowship that will lead to certification by both the American Board of Medical Genetics and the American Board of Pediatrics Sub-Board on Pediatric Endocrinology after 5–6 years of training (after approval by each Board) is being sponsored by the Heritable Disorders Branch of the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD). Clinical training will take place within the context of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-approved Pediatric Endocrinology and Medical Genetics fellowship programs of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and sponsored by the NICHD and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Graduates of a pediatrics or a combined pediatrics/internal medicine ACGME-approved residency program in the United States are eligible. We encourage both applicants with previous Ph.D. training and graduates of an M.D./Ph.D. program to apply for this unique fellowship, which aims at bridging two very relevant subspecialties of pediatric medicine: genetics and endocrinology. This is an exciting opportunity for a physician-scientist in training who wants to take advantage of the exciting opportunities offered by the NIH Clinical Center, the hundreds of state-of-the-art research laboratories at the NIH campus, and the commitment of NIH leadership in training initiatives on translational research. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and the names of at least three references to Constantine

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. 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 $1\frac{1}{2}$-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.

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Research Fellow.—A postdoctoral position studying inherited genetic variation in cancer is available in the Cancer Biology and Genetics program at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. We use genome-wide association studies as a primary tool to identify genetic variants that influence cancer phenotypes. We take an integrated approach, combining statistical genetics, bioinformatics and computational genomics, and molecular biology in the design, performance, and analysis of such studies. This position mainly involves computer-based statistical genetics and bioinformatics analysis, though the opportunity for some hands-on experimental work exists as well. Therefore, the ideal candidate will have a demonstrated interest and aptitude in quantitative methods, as well as a background in genetics or a related field. Further information about the lab can be found at its Web site (http://www.mskcc.org/mskcc/html/68781.cfm). Questions or a curriculum vitae can be sent to kleinr@mskcc.org

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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 its second meeting for this year in Brisbane, Australia, on November 2–4, 2006. The meeting will be cosponsored and hosted by The VCFS Foundation (Qld), Inc. The international and interdisciplinary faculty at the meeting 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), Inc. (http://www.vcfs.com.au). The meeting is 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.

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. Information on the Society of Craniofacial Genetics and a membership application are available on the Society's Web site (http://craniofacialgenetics.org/).

Conferences

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, mucolipidosis, 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.lysosomaldiseasenetwork.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). 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.

Cerebellar Development: Bench to Bedside 2006 International Conference.—This conference will be held at the L'Enfant

Plaza Hotel in Washington D.C. on November 9–12, 2006. The conference will address human disorders and animal models, focusing mainly on mouse and zebrafish. Session topics will include but are not limited to delineation of syndromes, gene identification, molecular analysis, prenatal diagnosis, cerebellar patterning, cell specification, neuronal migration, and genetic pathways. We will also host a poster session and provide a printed program, with a review of the conference to be published in a basic-science journal. The conference is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health, as well as private foundations and patient advocacy groups, with the goal of advancing knowledge of disorders of cerebellar development. The conference is being organized by Joseph G. Gleeson, William B. Dobyns, and Enza-Maria Valente. We anticipate 100 attendees for our inaugural conference. For more information, please see the conference Web site (http://cerebellardevelopment.ucsd.edu/).