Announcements[1]

Employment and Fellowship Opportunities

Molecular Geneticist.—Indiana University School of Medicine is seeking a faculty member, at the assistant-/associate-professor level, with a major commitment to the molecular basis of human disease. Candidates should have a doctoral degree in medical genetics, have demonstrated significant research accomplishments during postdoctoral training, and have or demonstrate suitable capabilities of attracting extramural funding at the national level. Address inquiries to Dr. Merrill D. Benson, Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics, IB 130, Indiana University School of Medicine, 975 West Walnut Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5251. Indiana University is an Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer and specifically invites and encourages minority and women applicants.

Faculty Positions in Clinical Cancer Genetics, Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.—The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center has launched a major initiative in human cancer genetics research. The program is dedicated to excellence in research including basic, translational, and clinical aspects of human cancer genetics. Applications are invited for full-, associate-, and assistant-professorial–level faculty positions in one of the components of the program, a multiple-faculty Clinical Cancer Genetics Unit based in the Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute. Positions are available immediately. Applicants should be M.D. researchers who are board certified or trained in clinical genetics and who are dedicated to innovative research. Interested candidates are invited to submit a CV and research plan to Dr. David E. Schuller, Comprehensive Cancer Center—The James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, 300 West Tenth Avenue, Suite 519, Columbus, OH 43210. Inquiries regarding this program and/or these positions may be directed to Dr. Albert de la Chapelle, Director of the Human Cancer Genetics Program; phone +358 9 19126540; E-mail: albert.delachapelle@helsinki.fi. The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Faculty Positions in Mathematical Genetics, Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center.—Applications are invited for full-, associate-, and assistant-professorial–level faculty positions by researchers with a background in mathematical genetics and/or genetic epidemiology and statistics. Applicants are expected to conduct original research in the area of human cancer genetics. Moreover, appointees are expected to participate in some of the main initial activities of the Human Cancer Genetics Research Program—namely, the mapping and cloning of genes involved in cancer, notably genes, including low-penetrance genes, whose mutations predispose to cancer. Positions are available immediately. Interested candidates are invited to submit a CV and research plan to Dr. David E. Schuller, Comprehensive Cancer Center—The James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, 300 West Tenth Avenue, Suite 519, Columbus, OH 43210. Inquiries regarding this program and/or these positions may be directed to Dr. Albert de la Chapelle, Director of the Human Cancer Genetics Program; phone +358 9 19126540; E-mail: albert.delachapelle@helsinki.fi. The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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 Pathology, Box 357470, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-7470, or fax them to (206) 685-9684. Submission must be received *3 full months* 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 *150 words,* excluding the address for correspondence. Please include a cover letter indicating the name of the sponsoring ASHG member.

Editor, Journal of the American College of Medical Genetics.—The American College of Medical Genetics and Williams & Wilkins are proud to announce the establishment of a new *Journal of the American College of Medical Genetics,* to begin publication in 1998, and are seeking an individual for the position of founding editor. Qualifications include an earned M.D. or Ph.D. degree or both, membership in the American College of Medical Genetics, certification by the American Board of Medical Genetics, and publication or editing experience. Duties for this position will include working with the publication committee and the board of the college to define the scope of the journal, nominating the board of associate editors, selecting and supervising the managing editor, establishing the editorial policy and design of the journal, and performing all additional duties incumbent on a journal editor, including manuscript and author recruitment, so as to place the new journal at the forefront of publishing in medical genetics. Williams & Wilkins and the American College of Medical Genetics will work closely with the founding editor to develop the journal. A letter of interest outlining ideas and suggestions for this new journal, a curriculum vitae, and the names and addresses of three references should be submitted by August 1, 1997, to Dr. Richard A. King, Publication Committee Chair, American College of Medical Genetics, Box 485, University of Minnesota, 420 Delaware Street Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55455. For additional information regarding this journal, E-mail Dr. Richard King at kingx002@maroon.tc.umn.edu

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University of California, Los Angeles, Intercampus Medical Genetics Training Program.—The UCLA intercampus postdoctoral research and clinical training programs in medical genetics utilize the resources of UCLA's affiliated campuses and teaching hospitals. The program is open to academically oriented applicants with the M.D., Ph.D., D.D.S., or an equivalent degree. A wide variety of research-training opportunities in molecular, biochemical, immuno-, cancer, cyto-, somatic-cell, population, and clinical genetics are available. Clinical genetics residencies are also available at each of the affiliated hospitals. The program meets all the requirements of the American Board of Medical Genetics and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (RRC). Application forms are available from Dr. David Rimoin, Department of Pediatrics, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, 8700 Beverly Boulevard, Suite 4310, Los Angeles, CA 90048. UCLA is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Research Fellowship in Child Psychopathology and Genetics, Columbia University.—NIMH-funded postdoctoral fellowships are available to M.D.s and Ph.D.s, for research training in psychiatric disorders of children and adolescents. Prior training in an appropriate field (e.g., genetics, child development, and biometrics) or prior child-psychiatric or pediatric experience is required. Training faculty includes child psychiatrists, epidemiologists, and statistical and molecular geneticists. The training program includes course work in clinical and methodological topics, support for independent study, and supervised assignment to numerous funded research projects in genetic epidemiology and neurochemistry, with emphasis on children and adolescents with anxiety, depression, suicide, eating, and disruptive disorders. The program is based in an active research department with three child/adolescent centers (affective and anxiety disorders, disruptive disorders, and pediatric psychopharmacology) and collaborates with a molecular-genetics laboratory. Send CV to Dr. David Shaffer, Columbia University, Department of Child Psychiatry, 722 West 168th Street, Unit 78, New York, NY 10032; fax (212) 568-8856.

Meeting

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the International Genetic Epidemiology Society.—To be held October 27–28, 1997, at the Omni Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore. For more information, contact Dr. Alexander F. Wilson, NIH/NHGRI, Genometrics Section, 333 Cassell Drive, Suite 2000, Baltimore, MD 21224; fax (410) 550-7513; E-mail: afw@nhgri.nih.gov; World Wide Web http://darwin.cwru.edu/iges.html

Courses

Ethics and Genetics: Advanced European Bioethics Course.—To be held November 20–22, 1997, in Nijmegen. Specialists from various countries will discuss ethical aspects of genetics. Subjects include "Ethics and the Human Genome Project"; "Genetic Counseling"; "Genetic Screening"; "Human Gene Therapy"; and "Geneticization." All lectures and plenary sessions will be held in English. For more information, contact Dr. B. Gordijn, Catholic University Nijmegen, 232 Department of Ethics, Philosophy and History of Medicine, P.O. Box 9101, 6500 HB Nijmegen; phone +31 24 3615320; fax +31 24 3540254; E-mail: b.gordijn@efg.kun.nl; World Wide Web http:/www.azn.nl/fmw/news.htm

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Postgraduate Course, Therapeutic and Prophylactic Uses of Nucleic Acids.—To be held March 19–22, 1998, at the Holiday Inn, Golden Gateway, in San Fran-

cisco. The University of California, San Francisco, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. This program will meet the criteria for Category 1 credit. For more information, contact University of California, Office of Continuing Medical Education, 1855 Folsom Street, MCB-630, Box 0742, San Francisco, CA 94143-0742; phone (415) 476-4251; fax (415) 476-0318; E-mail: inquire@ocme.ucsf.edu; World Wide Web http://cme.ucsf.edu

Calls for Patients

Narcolepsy with Cataplexy—Sib Pairs and Multigenerational Families.—The National Narcolepsy Registry (NNR) seeks sib pairs and families in which narcolepsy has been diagnosed. At least one family member must have a diagnosis of narcolepsy and cataplexy. Participants should be willing to be interviewed by telephone, release copies of sleep studies, and provide blood samples that can be used to identify the causative gene. Please contact Helen M. Temple, National Narcolepsy Registry, c/o Sleep-Wake Disorders, Montefiore Medical Center, 111 East 210th Street, Bronx, NY 10467; phone (718) 920-4841; fax (718) 798-4352.

Idiopathic Disseminated Bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) Infection, Idiopathic Disseminated Nontuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) Infection, and Inherited IFNγR1 Deficiency.—Investigators from the INSERM U429 laboratory of the Necker-Enfants Malades Hospital are expanding their project that aims at identification of the mutations underlying IFNγR1 deficiency and at identification of other genes causing idiopathic disseminated infections due to poorly pathogenic mycobacteria, such as BCG and NTM. Families willing to provide blood samples or skin biopsies are sought for linkage and mutation studies. For further information, please contact Dr. Jean-Laurent Casanova, INSERM U429, Hopital Necker-Enfants Malades, 149 rue de Sevres, 75015 Paris, France; phone +33 1 4449 4826; fax +33 1 4273 0640; E-mail: casanova@ceylan.necker.fr

Cell Cultures and Samples Available

Familial Breast Cancer Samples Available.—The National Institute for General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository is distributing cell cultures and DNA from patients with characterized mutations in the *BRCA1* gene. These mutations include missense, nonsense, and frameshift mutations. In addition, cell cultures from other familial breast cancer patients who have not been characterized for *BRCA1* mutations are also available. For additional information, contact NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository, Coriell Cell Repositories, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; phone (800) 752-3805 in the United States, (609) 757-4848 outside the United States; fax (609) 757-9737; E-mail: ccr@arginine.umdnj.edu

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Differentiated Cell Cultures Available.—The National Institute on Aging (NIA) Aging Cell Repository has differentiated cell cultures available for distribution to the scientific community. This resource includes endothelial, epithelial (including mammary and retinal), mesothelial, keratinocyte, and smooth-muscle cell cultures from both humans and animals. For all cultures, an estimate of the in vitro life span has been determined. Additionally, the endothelial and smooth-muscle cell cultures have been characterized immunocytochemically. For information about these cultures, contact The NIA Aging Cell Repository, Coriell Cell Repositories, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; phone (800) 752-3805 in the United States, (609) 757-4848 outside the United States; fax (609) 757-9737; E-mail: ccr@arginine.umdnj.edu

NIDDM Genetic Database

NIDDM Genetic Database Available.—DNA samples and phenotypic data are available to all interested researchers from Phase I of the American Diabetes Association's GENNID study (*Gen*etics of *NID*DM). GENNID has collected detailed family histories and a broad array of data on 170 pedigrees, all of which contain at least one affected sib pair, with a total of 650 affected individuals and approximately 1,200 total subjects. Included are approximately 65 Caucasian, 60 Hispanic, 25 African American, and 20 Japanese American pedigrees. Phenotypic data are available for all pedigree members. The data set includes multiple metabolic factors, including carbohydrate metabolism, lipid metabolism, and body-size measures, as well as life-style variables—for example, employment, diet, and exercise—obtained by questionnnaire. DNA is available for all sib pairs and for some parents. To receive a detailed description of the project, an application form, and pricing information, contact American Diabetes Association, GENNID Research Database, 1660 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; phone (703) 299-2071; fax (703) 683-1839; E-mail: mpetersen@diabetes.org