

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Cytogenetics Technologists.—Several full-time positions are available at Laboratory Corporation of America, Research Triangle Park, for experienced technologists who wish to pursue careers using modern technology in clinical cytogenetics. This reference laboratory provides a full range of cytogenetics testing, including pre- and postnatal FISH, uniparental disomy, twin zygosity, and reverse transcriptase-PCR testing. Two or more years' experience is preferred. For more information, contact Dr. Philip Mowrey, phone (800) 533-0567, extension 7716, or send curriculum vitae and references to Wanda Evans-Morrow, Staffing Specialist, Human Resources, Laboratory Corporation of America, 1904 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; fax (919) 572-7423. Laboratory Corporation of America is an Equal Opportunity Employer; M/F/D/V.

James S. McDonnell Foundation Fellowships.—The James S. McDonnell Foundation has recently announced an international competition in which 10 \$1-million fellowships will be awarded in five areas of research, including human genetics, to early career scientists. Fellowships awarded in the category of human genetics will support research in understanding human development, gene function, evolution, diver-

sity, and molecular medicine. The foundation must receive complete application packages, including recommendation letters, essay, and biographical information as specified on the foundation homepage at <http://www.jsmf.org>, by December 15, 1997; awards will be announced in April, 1999. For more information, contact The James S. McDonnell Foundation Centennial Fellowship Program, 1034 South Brentwood Boulevard, Suite 1850, St. Louis, MO 63117; phone (314) 721-1532; fax (314) 721-7421; E-mail: centennial@jsmf.org

WORKSHOP

7th International Workshop on Transcribed Sequences.—To be held November 16–17, 1997, at the Asilomar Conference Center, Monterey, CA. The workshop has been renamed “Beyond the Identification of Transcribed Sequences: Functional and Expression Analysis.” Topics include mammalian gene and genome organization as determined from construction of transcriptional maps and genomic sequencing; expression analysis of novel mammalian genes; analysis of genomic sequence, including gene- and regulatory-sequence prediction and verification, and annotation for public databases; expression and mutation analysis and comparative mapping in model organisms; construction and analysis of transgenic organisms; novel approaches for functional analysis of transcribed sequences; construction of full-length and 5'-specific cDNA libraries; and database construction, management, and use in expression and functional analysis. Attendance at the workshop is limited and dependent on acceptance of an abstract. Abstracts must be received by September 1, 1997, electronically or by regular mail. For abstract submission, registration forms, and further information, see <http://>

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 1 1/2-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.

www.ornl.gov/meetings or contact Katheleen Gardiner, Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Denver, CO; phone (303) 333-4515; E-mail: gardiner@eri.uchsc.edu

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias (NFED).—The NFED will accept letters of intent for research pertinent to growth/development, gastroesophageal reflux, nosology, and molecular genetics/molecular biology as they apply to ectodermal dysplasias. Letters of intent must include a description of the project, funds needed for 1- or 2-year investigations, and a project time line. Funds for overhead/indirect costs will not be provided. The letter, which must not exceed one page, must be received by 5:00 p.m. (CST), August 29, 1997. Selected investigators will submit formal proposals by February 15, 1998. The awards will be made on April 15, 1998, and will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. For more information, see the NFED homepage at <http://www.nfed.org> or contact NFED, 219 East Main, Box 114, Mascoutah, IL 62258-0114; phone (618) 566-2020; fax (618) 566-4718; E-mail: nfed1@aol.com

CELL CULTURES/DNA AVAILABLE

Regional Mapping Panels.—The National Institute of General Medical Sciences' (NIGMS) Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository has regional mapping panels available for distribution as cell cultures or DNA. These mapping panels, consisting of 5–10 human/rodent somatic-cell hybrids with deletion or derivative human chromosomes, are available for chromosomes 3, 4, 5, 11, 15, 17, 18, and X. Regional mapping panels for additional human chromosomes will be available in the near future. The panels have been characterized cytogenetically by G-banded chromosome analysis, by in situ hybridization using biotinylated total human DNA, and, in some cases, with chromosome-specific painting probes. Molecular characterization has include Southern blot hybridization and/or PCR with p- and q-arm probes and primers. Information about these cultures and DNA is available via the World Wide Web at <http://arginine.umdj.edu/coriell/nigms.htm> or by contacting the repository at 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 from other countries; fax (609) 757-9737; E-mail: ccr@arginine.umdj.edu