

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Editor, The American Journal of Human Genetics—A new Editor of *The American Journal of Human Genetics* will be selected during the Fall of 1998 to begin a 5-year term in July 1999. The Editor will also serve as a member of the American Society of Human Genetics Board of Directors and as a member of the Finance Committee of the Society. The Editor sets policy, determines the direction of the *Journal*, creates the long-term plans for the *Journal*, and develops content. The Editor makes decisions on all manuscripts to be considered for review and publication, selects and supervises the activities of the Managing Editor, an Assistant Managing Editor, and an Editorial Fellow. The Editor controls a budget of approximately \$1 million per year and develops the production budget with the publisher, the University of Chicago Press. In addition, the Editor directs all interactions with and evaluates the achievements of the Press in the production of the *Journal*, prepares two editorial reports yearly for the ASHG Board of Directors, chooses all members of the Editorial Board of the *Journal*, and provides a yearly report to the members of the Society at the Annual Meeting. Persons who wish to be considered for the position of Editor should, prior to March 15, 1998, send a CV with a letter of interest to Elaine Strauss, Executive Director, The American Society of

Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3998.

Postdoctoral Fellow in Statistical Genetics.—A postdoctoral fellowship in Statistical Genetics is available at The Ohio State University in a new Division of Human Cancer Genetics directed by Dr. Albert de la Chapelle. The Fellow will perform research in linkage analysis methodology for complex traits in a growing group of statisticians and geneticists. The Fellow will also be encouraged to pursue additional interests in areas compatible with the goals of the Division. A Ph.D. in Statistics, Biostatistics, or related discipline is required, with research training in the application of statistics to genetic data. Strong computer skills are preferred, with experience in UNIX platforms. The Division is an active research environment with a positive atmosphere and excellent facilities. To apply, send a curriculum vitae and three letters of reference to: Statistical Genetics Fellowship, Dr. Fred Wright, 420 West 12th Avenue, Room 440, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210. Additional inquiries may be directed to Dr. Wright at wright-4@medctr.osu.edu

Pediatric Geneticist.—The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Department of Pediatrics, has an immediate opening for a board certified or eligible Pediatric Geneticist (interest and experience in biochemical genetics required). Faculty appointment will be at the Assistant or Associate Professor level, tenure track. This physician will join a Division of Genetics and Birth Defects consisting of physicians with experience in dysmorphology, molecular genetics, and biochemical genetics. Responsibilities include participation in a regional metabolic clinic, consultations in area hospitals,

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and teaching. There are opportunities for clinical and laboratory research as well as collaboration with basic scientists. Submit C.V. to Dr. Robert Clayton, Associate Professor and Head, Division of Genetics and Birth Defects, Department of Pediatrics, UTHSCSA, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78284-7809. The UTHSCSA is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer.

MEETINGS

The Human Genome Project: Science, Law, and Social Change in the 21st Century.—To be held April 23–24, 1998, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The current revolution in the biomedical sciences, especially genomics, will dramatically influence law, medicine, public health, and many other sectors of society. This spring, physicians, genetic counselors, consumers, lawyers, and scientists will gather for a unique conference to prepare for the challenges ahead. In four plenary sessions and ten interactive forums, participants will explore topics such as training IRBs to evaluate genetic study protocols, genetic discrimination, the limits of gene therapy, and the future of state-mandated genetic screening. The conference is organized by the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, in association with the American Society of Law, Medicine, & Ethics (ASLME). Keynote speakers will include: Eric Lander, Whitehead Institute; Uta Francke, Stanford University; Ellen Wright Clayton, Vanderbilt University; Mark Rothstein, University of Houston; Nancy Wexler, Columbia University; James Wilson, University of Pennsylvania; LeRoy Walters, Georgetown University; and Philip Reilly, Shriver Center.

For information, call or E-mail Gus Cervini, Whitehead Institute, at (617) 258-0633, cervini@wi.mit.edu

35th American Cytogenetics Conference.—April 25–28, 1998, Litchfield-by-the-Sea, SC. For information contact Dr. Robert G. Best, University of South Carolina, Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, Two Richland Medical Park, Columbia, SC 29203; fax (803) 434-6852; E-mail best@richmed.medpark.sc.edu

COURSE

CME Postgraduate Course, "Human Genetics and Human Cancer II."—To be held April 29–May 1, 1998 at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. This course will review recent advances in cancer genetics and will include three components: "Foundations," concentrating on the function of genes, genetic epidemiology and the mechanism of oncogenesis; "Methodologies," focusing on methods for improving diagnosis of cancer by mutation analysis and for improving therapy by gene transfer; and "Systemic Review," reporting the latest knowledge on individual types of cancer. Pre-registration is preferred. Registration fees are \$250 for M.D.'s, Ph.D.'s, and D.O.'s, \$150 for residents, fellows,* trainees,* students,* technologists, and other healthcare professionals (*with a Letter of Introduction from the Program Director). To qualify for the discounted pre-registration fees, both the registration form and payment must be received by Wednesday, April 1, 1998. For a registration form and course brochure, contact: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Department of Human Genetics, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10021; phone (212) 639-6165; fax (212) 717-3374; E-mail: vcharles@ski.mskcc.org