

## Announcements<sup>1</sup>

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### CONFERENCE

*First International Conference on Mammalian Centromere.*—To be held October 2–4, 1998 at the Chung Shan Medical and Dental College, Taichung, Taiwan. Topics include centromeric DNA and proteins; kinetochore structure; mitotic signaling proteins; epigenetic control; neocentromeres; and minichromosome construction. International participation at this conference is limited to 30. For more information, contact Dr. C. C. Lin, Department of Lab Medicine and Pathology, 5B4.49 W.C. Mackenzie Health Science Centre, University of Alberta, 8440 112 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6G 2B7; phone (403) 492-8882; fax (403) 492-9124; E-mail: cc.lin@ualberta.ca

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### CELL CULTURES

*Cell Cultures with Characterized ATM Mutations.*—The National Institute for General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository is distributing cell cultures from ataxia-telangiectasia patients (and their parents) with characterized mutations in the ATM gene. These mutations often result in termination. There are ataxia-telangiectasia cell lines which are homozygous for the mutation as well as compound heterozygotes. Additional information about the mutations in the ATM gene may be obtained from the Ataxia-Telangiectasia Mutation Database (<http://www.vmmc.org/vmrc/atm.htm>). Information about these cultures is available via the World Wide Web (<http://locus.umdj.edu/nigms>) or by contacting the Repository: NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository, Coriell Cell Repositories, Coriell Institute for Medical Research, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; phone (800) 752-3805 within the United States, (609) 757-4848 from other countries; fax (609) 757-9737; E-mail: [ccr@arginine.umdj.edu](mailto:ccr@arginine.umdj.edu)