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Announcements[1]

Symposia

Genetics and Human Disease Symposia.—Emory University will present the First Annual Genetics and Human Disease Symposia on Thursday, September 23, 1999 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The symposia will be held in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Administration Building and Auditorium on the campus of Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Sessions will include "Molecular Genetics of Cystic Fibrosis" by Lap-Chee Tsui, "X-Chromosome Inactivation and X-Linked Disease" by Huntington F. Willard, "How do Hox Genes Specify Our Body Plan?" by Mario Capecchi, "Genes that Pattern the Heart" by Christine E. Seidman, "Animal Models of Human Tumor Suppressor Genes" by Tak W. Mak, and "Leptin and the Regulation of Body Weight" by Jeffrey M. Friedman. Registration for these symposia is free, but required. You can submit your registration form electronically at http://www.bimcore.emory.edu/ghd99. For additional information, call toll-free 1-888-727-5695.

Employment Opportunity

Postdoctoral Position in Linkage Analysis.—The Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics, Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University, seeks applicants for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in linkage and linkage disequilibrium analysis of complex traits to analyze large data sets on schizophrenia, nicotine dependence, and attention-deficit hyperactivity under the supervision of senior faculty members L. Eaves, C. MacLean, M. Neale, and K. Kendler. Forward CV and names and addresses of three references to: Dr. Kenneth S. Kendler, Virginia Institute for Psychiatric and Behavioral Genetics, PO Box 980126, Richmond, VA 23298-0126; phone (804) 828-8590; fax (804) 828-1471; E-mail: Kendler@hsc.vcu.edu. VCU is an EEO/AA employer. Women, minorities, and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Cell Repository

NIA Aging Cell Repository.—The National Institute on Aging (NIA)–Aging Cell Repository has available for distribution human skin fibroblast cultures from subjects participating in the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging. The goal of this study, initiated in 1958 to permit repeated observations of the same subjects over time, is to quantify true age changes and elucidate the mechanisms underlying the aging process. Over the course of this study, biopsy specimens, and, in some cases, repeated biopsy specimens, have been collected from the same anatomical site of both male and female participants. Cultures established from these tissues have been characterized cytogenetically, and an in vitro life span has been determined for each. The collection, which contains more than 535 cultures, includes cultures from 125 women and 410 men, ranging in age from 17 to 96 years. Information about these cultures is available via the WWW (http://locus.umdnj.edu/nia) or by contact with the Repository. Contact: The NIA Aging Cell Repository,

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Call for Submissions

Submission of Blood Samples, Skin Biopsies, or Cell Cultures.—The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)–Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository is requesting submission of blood samples or skin biopsies or cell cultures from probands who carry chromosomal abnormalities and have well documented phenotypes. Of interest to the Repository are phenotypically abnormal probands with apparently balanced de novo chromosomal rearrangements; probands with balanced or unbalanced cryptic translocations; probands who are phenotypically abnormal due to uniparental disomy; and probands with small chromosomal deletions or duplications of any kind, especially those associated with the following syndromes: Angelman, Beckwith-Wiedemann, Charcot-Marie-Tooth (Type 1A), DiGeorge, Langer-Giedeon, Kallmann, Miller-Dieker, Rubenstein-Taybi, Smith-Magenis, Wolf-Hirschhorn, velocardiofacial, glycerol kinase deficiency, and adrenalhypoplasia congenita. Investigators interested in submitting specimens are encouraged to contact the NIGMS Repository to arrange for submission of specimens. NIGMS Human Genetic Mutant Cell Repository, Coriell Cell Repositories, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; phone (800) 752-3805 within the United States and (609) 757-4848 from other countries; fax (609) 757−9737; E−mail: ccr@arginine.umdnj.edu