Announcements[1]

Employment Opportunities

Assistant/Associate Professor.—The Division of Medical Genetics at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, a Los Angeles County hospital affiliated with the UCLA School of Medicine, seeks a new faculty member at the level of assistant or associate professor. Qualifications include M.D. or M.D./Ph.D., certification in pediatrics, and ABMG eligibility or certification in clinical genetics. Certification in clinical biochemical genetics would be a plus. Individuals with clinical research interests are also encouraged to apply. Start-up research funds and laboratory space are available for an individual with suitable background. Responsibilities will include providing genetics services to an interesting patient population in a public teaching hospital. Candidates should send a C.V. and the names and addresses of three references to: Adam J. Jonas, M.D., Department of Pediatrics, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, 1000 West Carson Street, Box 465, Torrance, CA 90509-2910.

Technical Director, Cytogenetics.—Specialty Laboratories, Inc., Santa Monica, CA. The Technical Director of Cytogenetics is responsible for the overall scientific and operational leadership of the cytogenetics department. We are seeking a clinical cytogeneticist who has ABMG certification or is board-eligible. This position requires a strong clinical background and commitment to high-quality service. Experience in prenatal, hematological, FISH, and postnatal diagnostic cytogenetics is required. Candidates should have a minimum of five years's management experience. Strong quality-assurance skills and prior experience with technology implementation are desired. This position reports to the vice-president of operations. Contact D. Conry, Specialty Laboratories, Inc., Santa Monica, CA 90404; fax (310) 586-7269; E-mail: dconry@specialtylabs.com; World Wide Web: http://www.specialtylabs.com

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Clinical Molecular Geneticist.—Myriad Genetics Laboratories of Salt Lake City, Utah, is seeking a clinical molecular geneticist to assume the directorship of its clinical laboratory. Myriad uses DNA sequencing for the diagnosis of hereditary risk for breast and ovarian cancer and performs analyses for CODIS (the FBI-sponsored Combined DNA Index System). Myriad uses a highly automated, robotically controlled, miniaturized diagnostic platform using dye primer sequence analysis facilitated by proprietary software. This position will report primarily to the vice president of operations and will also interact extensively with the medical director. The director will be directly responsible for understanding and implementing improvements to technical procedures, characterizing the clinical significance of newly observed mutations and uncertain variants, and communicating the significance of test results to health care professionals. The director may ultimately be responsible for the Quality Control Department and for the clinical laboratory and data review staffs. Candidates must have an M.D. or Ph.D.; board certification as a clinical molecular geneticist or equivalent; substantial experience in DNA-analysis technologies and clinical test reporting; excellent technical/scientific skills in DNA-sequence analysis in order to participate fully in the assessment, development, refinement, and implementation of sequence-based clinical tests; strong laboratory

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management skills; and a record of participation in professional activities, including education, presentation, and publications. Submit a letter of interest and a C.V. to Barbara Berry, Director of Human Resources, Myriad Genetic Laboratories, 320 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84108; phone (800) 469-7423; E-mail: bberry @myriad.com. MGLI is an equal opportunity employer.

Branch Supervisor of Biochemical Genetics Laboratory.—The Chemical Services Division of the Bureau of Laboratories of the Texas Department of Health is seeking applications for the position of Branch Supervisor of the Biochemical Genetics Laboratory at the Genetic Testing Center in Denton, TX. The laboratory will be moving to Austin in late 2001, at the completion of a new laboratory facility. The laboratory processes more than 10,000 specimens a year, of which about 1,000 are for inherited-metabolic-disease studies and the remainder are for maternal-sera prenatal screening. The successful candidate's duties will include supervision of the laboratory personnel, evaluation of laboratory data such as GC/MSD and amino-acid strips, and generation of reports, review of maternal-sera studies, and review of QA/QC. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in biochemistry and must be board-certified or board-eligible by the American Board of Medical Genetics in clinical biochemical genetics. Salary is $4,146/month, plus excellent state benefits. Applicants should contact Dr. Eldridge Hutcheson at TDH, Bureau of Laboratories, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756. E-mail: Eldridge .Hutcheson@tdh.state.tx.us. TDH is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Job posting and application information may be found at the TDH website: http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/.

Postdoctoral Research Associate Position.—Available immediately in the Division of Human Biology at Wright State University School of Medicine, to assist in the analysis of data collected as part of a new research project on the genetics of human skeletal maturation. This project is a part of the Fels Longitudinal Study, the longest-running study of human growth, development, and body composition in the world. A doctorate is required, by the starting date, in human biology, physical anthropology, sports medicine, nutrition, epidemiology, biostatistics, public health, genetic epidemiology, or a related area. The ability to work both independently and cooperatively within a team of established investigators is essential. A strong background in skeletal anatomy and biology, a command of quantitative and computer skills, and the motivation to learn and to apply modern statistical genetic methods to complex traits are preferred. Opportunities exist for the motivated individual to expand the scope of current projects. An excellent benefits package includes 22 days of paid vacation per year, sick leave, and health insurance. Review of candidates begins November 1, 1999. Open until filled. EO/AA Employer. Apply to: Chair, Postdoctoral Search Committee, Attn: Skeletal Maturation Project, Division of Human Biology, Wright State University SOM, 1005 Xenia Avenue, Yellow Springs, OH 45387; fax (937) 767-6956; http://www.med.wright.edu/som/academic/divhum/divhum.html

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Meeting

Satellite Meeting on Inherited Ataxias.—October 13–14, Seattle, WA, immediately following the American Neurological Association meeting at the Seattle Westin Hotel. The program will deal with all the recent advances in the field, including the molecular pathogenesis of the diseases, the current understanding of the CAG-expansion syndromes, the values of transgenic animal models, the clinical approach to patients with such diseases, and the appropriate use of genetic tests. Invited speakers are: M. Pandolfo (Montreal), "Molecular Genetics and Pathogenesis of Friedreich's Ataxia"; D. Geschwind (UCLA), "Phenotype-Genotype Correlations in Friedreich's Ataxia"; M. Cossee (Strasbourg), "Animal Models for Friedreich's Ataxia"; S. Subramony (Mississippi), "Phenotype-Genotype Correlations in Dominant Ataxias"; Harry Orr (Minnesota), "SCA 1 Pathogenesis and Lessons from the Transgenic Model"; Stefan Pulst (UCLA), "Recent Advances in SCA 2 and SCA 10"; Henry Paulson (Iowa), "SCA 3 Pathogenesis including the Transgenic Fly Model"; L. Ranum (Minnesota), "Advances in SCA 5 and SCA 8"; Chris Gomez (Minnesota), "SCA 6 and Channelopathies Causing Ataxia"; T. Bird (Seattle), "Current Status of Familial Spastic Paraplegias"; A. Koeppen (Albany), "Neuropathology of Inherited Ataxias in the Era of Molecular Genetics"; M. Hallett (NIH), "Pathophysiology of the Cerebellar Syndrome"; M. Nance (Minnesota), "Issues in Genetic Testing for Inherited Ataxias"; R. Currier (Mississippi), "Historical Evolution of our Understanding of the Ataxias"; and R. Rosenberg (Dallas), "Where Do We Go from Here?" Abstracts are invited. Registration fee: $150. Rooms are available at the Westin at the same rate as for the ANA meeting. Attendees are limited to 100, and early registration is recommended. For information on registration and abstracts, see our website at http://www.ataxia.org/ or contact S. H. Subramony, M.D., or Trissy Kelly: phone (601) 984-5500; fax (601) 984-5503.

Human Diversity Panels

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (*NIGMS*).—The Human Genetic Cell Repository has assembled numerous human diversity panels for distribution as individual cell cultures and/or DNA panels. Each collection contains 10 unrelated individuals, both males and females, from the following ethnic groups: Northern European, African American, Chinese, Middle Eastern, Indo-Pakistani, Japanese, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Southwestern American Indian, Russian, Ashkenazi Jewish, Italian, Caribbean, South American, and African. Additional panels are in preparation. Information about these samples is available via the World Wide Web http://locus.umdnj.edu/nigms or by contact with the Repository: NIGMS Human Genetic Cell Repository, Coriell Cell Repositories, Coriell Institute for Medical Research, 401 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103; telephone (800) 752-3805 in the United States, (609) 757-4848 from other countries; fax (609) 757-9737; E-mail: ccr@arginine.umdnj.edu

Symposia

2000 Keystone Symposia.—Conference titles include "Gene Therapy: The Next Milennium" (January 6–12), "Genetics of Alcohol and Substance Abuse" (January 23–28), "Chromatin Structure and Function" (February 12–18), "Diabetes" (February 16–22), and "Genetic Basis of Brain Development and Dysfunction" (March 18–23). For more information and a complete list of conferences, contact Keystone Symposia, 221 Summit Place #272, Drawer 1630, Silverthorne, CO 80498; phone (800) 253-0685 or (970) 262-1230; fax (970) 262-1525; E-mail: keystone@symposia.com; World Wide Web: http://www.symposia.com