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Employment Opportunities

Assistant Professor.—The Hayward Genetics Center seeks a clinical geneticist for an assistant professor position at Tulane University School of Medicine. The successful applicant will have completed formal training in pediatrics and be ABMG certified or eligible in clinical genetics. Additional ABMG board certification or eligibility in clinical biochemical genetics is desired. An attractive start-up package and salary are available, including research space and funding. The Hayward Genetics Center serves as the referral center for inborn errors of metabolism for the State of Louisiana and also conducts an active clinical and cytogenetics service. Ample opportunity is available for collaboration with basic scientists within the center and throughout the medical school. Interested persons should send a curriculum vitae and the names of three references to Jess G. Thoene, M.D., Professor and Chair, Hayward Genetics Center, Box SL#31, Tulane University School of Medicine, 1430 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112. Tulane University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, and applications from qualified women and minority group members are especially encouraged.

Wellcome Visiting Professorships.—The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology invites nominations from U.S. medical schools, universities, and other nonprofit scientific research institutions for Wellcome Visiting Professorships in the Basic Medical Sciences, sponsored by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. Deadline for institutions to apply is March 1, 2000. For application information, contact Rose P. Grimm, Executive Office, FASEB, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3998; phone (301) 530-7090; fax (301) 530-7049; e-mail: rgrimm@execofc.faseb.org

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Assistant/Associate Professor.—The University of Massachusetts Medical School Department of Psychiatry invites applications for assistant/associate professor–level tenure-track faculty positions in its Brudnick Neuropsychiatric Research Institute. This new Institute will be under the future direction of Edward Ginns, M.D., Ph.D., and it includes a state-of-the-art laboratory building with extensive animal, office, and conference facilities. Preference will be given to applicants with interdisciplinary backgrounds and a research emphasis on mental illness, bridging the areas of molecular psychiatry and neurology, clinical neuroscience, neurobiology, and neurogenetics. We seek applications from highly motivated candidates (M.D., D.V.M., and/or Ph.D.) with "bench to bedside" research interests in (a) cellular, molecular, and developmental neurobiology; (b) model systems, including Drosophila, nematodes, zebrafish, and mice; (c) neurogenetics, including genome-based analysis of complex traits and the generation and phenotypic characterization of transgenic and gene-targeted mouse models, cytogenetic studies, QTL analyses, and transcript-expression profiling; (d) statistical genetics; and (e) proteomics. In this collaborative environment successful candidates are expected to establish an outstanding, independent research program and to participate in teaching. Opportunities exist for joint appointments in other clinical and basic science departments. Salary and fringe benefits are competitive, and there is an attractive recruitment package. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae, the names and addresses of at least five references, and descriptions of current and future

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research plans to Paul S. Appelbaum, M.D., Chair, Department of Psychiatry, BNRI Faculty Search, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Room S7-866, 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester, MA 01655. Application review will begin upon their receipt. The University of Massachusetts Medical School is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. For more information, see our Web site: http://www.umassmed.edu

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Cytogenetics Supervisor and Cytogenetic Technologists.—The King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre is a modern, state-of-the-art, 550-bed tertiary-referral medical and research center located in Riyadh, the capital city of Saudi Arabia. The hospital is the national referral center for pediatric surgery, cardiac surgery, genetics, and oncology. The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine is modern, well-equipped, staffed with an impressive multinational team, and accredited by the College of American Pathologists, the American Association of Blood Banks, and the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. The department's cytogenetics section has outstanding opportunities for a supervisor and technologists to join our staff. The minimum requirements include a B.S. degree in medical technology or a related science, NCA,CLSp (CG) certification, and either 5 years (for supervisor) or 2 years (for technologists) minimum experience. This Cytogenetics Section performs 2,500 chromosome analyses and more than 400 FISH analyses annually. We offer an excellent, competitive, and tax-free salary/benefits package, including an initial 2-year contract, approximately 50 days off per year, free housing or a housing allowance, and air transportation. Interested candidates may send a current detailed resume and a cover letter along with salary history, in confidence, to M. Anwar Iqbal, Ph.D., FACMG, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, P.O. Box 3354, MBC-10, Riyadh 11211, Saudi Arabia. Fax: (966-1) 442-4280. E-mail: iqbal@kfshrc.edu.sa; World Wide Web: http://www.kfshrc.edu.sa

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Postdoctoral Fellowship Position.—Available immediately in the Biochemical Genetics Laboratory of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, to participate in a new collaborative project with Dr. John Barranger (University of Pittsburgh) and Dr. Tony Rupar. The goal of this project is to identify potential therapies for metachromatic leukodystrophy. A doctorate in biochemistry, molecular biology, genetics, or a related discipline is required. Ideal candidates will have a background in gene transfer, primary cell culture, and mouse-model systems; however, candidates with other backgrounds will be considered. The ability to work both independently and cooperatively within the team is important. The salary is in accordance with Medical Research Council of Canada rates (minimum, $28,000 Canadian), and is available for 2 years, with the possibility of renewal. In accordance with Canadian immigration requirements, priority will be given to Canadian citizens and permanent residents of Canada, but applications from non-Canadians are encouraged. The University of Western Ontario is committed to employment equity. Please apply to Dr. C. A. Rupar, Biochemical Genetics Laboratory, CPRI, 600 Sanatorium Road, London, ON, Canada, N6H 3W7. E-mail: trupar@julian.uwo.ca

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Postdoctoral Position.—Available immediately, to study human skeletal dysplasias and growth. Candidates should have a Ph.D. and a background in receptor tyrosine-kinase signal transduction, gene expression, and cell-biology research. For consideration, please send a curriculum vitae with the names of three references to William R. Wilcox, M.D., Ph.D., Medical Genetics, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, 8700 Beverly Blvd., SSB-3, Los Angeles, CA 90048. Fax: (310) 423-0237; E-mail: william.wilcox@cshs.org

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Genetic Counselor.—Immediate opening for BC/BE genetic counselor. Experience preferred. Pediatrics and adult general genetics, specialty clinics, some prenatal. Act as coordinator for Gaucher disease program. Travel to satellite clinics. Join genetics service in tertiary care center with three M.D.s, two Ph.D.s, and two G.C.s. Contact Pat Allinson, M.S., Department of Pediatrics, Division of Medical Genetics, Box 800386, University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, VA 22908. Phone: (804) 924-2665; fax: (804) 982-3850; e-mail: psa9m@virginia.edu. The University of Virginia is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Research Associate.—Position available to participate in studies of genetics of complex diseases. Primary responsibility will be to perform genome scans by use of high-density DNA markers, to sequence on automated sequencers, and to analyze the collected data. The successful candidate will also participate in other ongoing studies in the laboratory, including population genetics of human hypervariable loci and evaluation of forensic DNA markers. The successful candidate will be a leader in the laboratory, providing supervisory skills to coworkers and students in establishing protocols related to large-scale genome mapping using microsatellite markers. Will assist the Principal Investigator in writing reports and manuscripts. Minimum qualification: doc-

torate in a field of biological sciences, with at least 2 years of experience in molecular-genetic techniques, particularly typing and analysis of DNA markers on an automated DNA sequencer, DNA sequencing, supervision and staff development, and student mentoring in the lab. Preferred qualification: publications in the area of molecular population genetics and other relevant areas and experience in genome scans using high-throughput techniques. Send resume to Dr. Ranjan Deka, Department of Environmental Health, University of Cincinnati, P.O. Box 670056, Cincinnati, OH 45267-0056.

Cytogenetics Laboratory Supervisor.—The Kleberg Cytogenetics Laboratory at Baylor College of Medicine has an immediate opening for a laboratory supervisor. The Laboratory is a full-service facility that processes more than 4,500 samples per year, including amniotic-fluid specimens, CVS, peripheral blood samples, and tissue-biopsy specimens. The Laboratory processes more than 1,200 samples for FISH for a large variety of abnormalities, including microdeletions, telomere rearrangements, and aneuploidy. The Supervisor will oversee approximately 18 cytotechnologists and cytotechnicians, including three section supervisors (blood, prenatal, and FISH). Candidates should have at least 5 years of experience as a cytotechnologist and 2 years as a supervisor and should hold a current NCA certification [CLSp(CG)]. Salary commensurate with experience. Baylor College of Medicine is an equal-opportunity employer. Qualified applicants should send resumes to Lisa G. Shaffer, Ph.D., Director, Kleberg Cytogenetics Laboratory, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Baylor College of Medicine, One Baylor Plaza, Room 15E, Houston, TX 77030. Fax: (713) 798-3157. E-mail: lshaffer@bcm.tmc.edu

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Faculty Position in Genomics.—Indiana University School of Medicine is establishing a Center for Medical Genomics that will provide state-of-the-art microarray facilities. We are seeking an outstanding candidate for a new Assistant Professor–level position in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology that focuses on design and use of microarray technologies. Applicants should possess a Ph.D., M.D., or M.D./Ph.D. degree and should have relevant postdoctoral experience in making and using microarrays. This individual will help build the Center for Medical Genomics into a major collaborative resource that can interact with many interesting projects and will develop new projects in his/her area of expertise. Successful candidates would also participate in the teaching of medical and graduate students. A competitive start-up package is available. Please send curriculum vitae, description of research interests, and the names of three references to Dr. Howard Edenberg, Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Indiana University School of Medicine, 635 Barnhill Drive MS4063, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5122; phone: (317) 274-2353 (E-mail: edenberg@iupui.edu). Indiana University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, M/F/D.

Assistant Director of Tumor Cytogenetics.—The Division of Hematology of the Mount Sinai Medical Center, in New York City, is seeking a candidate with a Ph.D. in clinical and molecular cytogenetics to join Dr. Vesna Najfeld in directing a full-service academic tumor cytogenetics laboratory. Major laboratory areas include testing of bone marrow, peripheral blood, and other tumor tissue specimens. Experience in cancer cytogenetics and FISH is preferred. Duties will include preparation and review of cytogenetic and FISH case reports, introduction of new clinical tests and validation of new probes, interaction with physicians regarding results, and teaching. Involvement in research is encouraged. Applicants should send a cover letter, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Dr. Vesna Najfeld, Box 1079, Tumor Cytogenetics, The Mount Sinai Medical Center, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, New York, NY 10029 (E-mail: tovesna.najfeld@mssm.edu).

Clinical Geneticist.—The Child Evaluation Center in the Department of Pediatrics, University of Louisville School of Medicine, is seeking a clinical geneticist at the Assistant or Associate Professor level, tenure track. The position requires competence in patient care and teaching as well as experience or demonstrated potential for clinical research. The applicant should be board certified or eligible for certification in both pediatrics and medical genetics. Academic rank and salary are commensurate with experience and training. The candidate will function as part of a dynamic, interdisciplinary team of professionals in a University Development and Genetics Center. Active clinical genetics service includes prenatal, subspecialty, and outreach clinics. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae to Joseph H. Hersh, M.D., Associate Director, Child Evaluation Center, Department of Pediatrics, University of Louisville, 571 S. Floyd Street, Suite 100, Louisville, KY 40202 (E-mail: jhhers01@gwise.louisville.edu).

Molecular Biologists.—Boston University School of Medicine is seeking two molecular geneticists—one Associate and one Assistant Professor—to participate in the establishment of a newly funded laboratory affiliated with the research activities of the Framingham Heart

Study, a 50-year study of cardiovascular disease that has been actively involved in the genetic epidemiology of this disease for the past 10 years. Applicants will have academic appointments in the Department of Medicine and in a newly formed Department of Genetics. Candidates should have a doctorate in molecular biology or a related field. For the Associate Professor position, the applicant should have 5–7 years of postdoctoral experience. Successful applicants will participate actively in research projects for pursuing candidate genes and the result of a 10-cM genome scan recently performed for 334 extended families in the Framingham study. Projects focus on the genetic etiology of cardiovascular disease, but other opportunities in neurogenetics, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, and deafness may also be available. These openings may be filled immediately. Boston University is an equal opportunity employer; we encourage applications from women and minorities. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 1, 2000. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three potential references to Richard H. Myers, Ph.D., Department of Neurology, B-603D, Boston University School of Medicine, 715 Albany Street, Boston MA 02118. Phone: (617) 638-5376 (E-mail: rmyers@bu.edu).

Director, Biochemical Genetics.—Laboratory Corporation of America's Department of Biochemical Genetics is seeking applicants for the position of Director. The laboratory is located in the Center for Molecular Biology and Pathology in Research Triangle Park, NC. This high-volume laboratory processes maternal serum and amniotic fluid specimens for a variety of assays. The facility performs all related ancillary tests in contiguous laboratories. These include immunocytometry, immunohistochemistry, identity testing, cytogenetics, and molecular genetics. Candidates should have a Ph.D. and/or an M.D. and should have extensive clinical testing experience or be board eligible or certified by the ABMG. Salary is commensurate with experience. Duties will include overseeing the personnel and testing of the department , management of the support customer services section, developing and refining test protocol, and training of sales specialists. Please send a curriculum vitae and a list of three references to Dr. Peter Papenhausen, National Director of Genetics, LabCorp, 1912 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (E-mail: papenhp@labcorp.com). EOE/M/F/D/V.

Postdoctoral Position.—Analysis of Gene Expression, Division of Human Cancer Genetics, The Ohio State University. A postdoctoral position is available to develop statistical and computational methods for the display and analysis of gene-expression data. This position is at the interface of genetics, statistics, and the computational sciences. The Division of Human Cancer Genetics, under the leadership of Dr. Albert de la Chapelle, combines basic and clinical research in the search for genes associated with cancer susceptibility and progression. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in statistics, genetics, computer science, or other relevant field, with demonstrated cross-disciplinary interests. Please send curriculum vitae and names of three references to Dr. Fred Wright, Division of Human Cancer Genetics, The Ohio State University, 420 West 12th Avenue, 464A Medical Research Facility, Columbus, OH 43210. AA/EOE; women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Research Grants

Research Grants Program in Genetics.—The Epilepsy Foundation is pleased to introduce a new research program directed toward improving understanding of the genetics of seizure disorders and identifying genetic therapeutic approaches leading to development of potential cures. Inquiries are invited from established investigators (academic rank of assistant professor or higher) at academic institutions within the United States. The deadline for submission of preliminary proposals is January 17, 2000. Funding of projects is to commence on July 1, 2000. For further information, including guidelines for submission of preliminary proposals, contact the Epilepsy Foundation, Targeted Research Program, 4351 Garden City Drive, Landover, MD 20785-2267. Phone: (301) 459-3700; fax: (301) 577-2684; e-mail: grants@efa.org

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Fellowships

Fellowship in the Genetics of Neural Tube Defects.—A fellowship is available, sponsored jointly by Northwestern University Medical School and the divisions of neurology and genetics at Children's Memorial Hospital. The successful applicant will join a national collaborative effort to uncover the genetic basis of neural tube defects, using the resources of the spina bifida service at Children's Memorial Hospital and the laboratory of Dr. Jeffrey Nye at Northwestern. Part-time clinical duties in the Genetics or Neurology Service of Children's Memorial Hospital may be arranged depending on the interests and training of the applicant. Medically trained applicants (M.D. or M.D./Ph.D.) with postgraduate

training in pediatrics, medical genetics, or neurology will be considered, as well as applicants with the Ph.D. degree and a background in developmental biology, molecular biology, or genetics. For information, contact Jeffrey S. Nye, M.D., Ph.D., Northwestern University Medical School, 303 East Chicago Avenue, MPBC S215, Chicago, IL 60611-3008; phone: (312) 503-6288; fax: (312) 503-0108; e-mail: j-nye@nwu.edu

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Workshops

Eighth International Workshop on Chromosomes in Solid Tumors.—This year's workshop will be held Sunday, January 30, through Tuesday, February 1, 2000, at the Sheraton El Conquistador in Tucson, Arizona. This workshop is designed to assess the current state of progress in the field of cancer genetics and cytogenetics. The major emphasis of this year's workshop will be on using array-based technologies to assess both altered gene expression and DNA-sequence copy-number change. The scientific program will include plenary lectures (a list of scheduled speakers follows), proffered papers, and poster sessions. The deadline for abstracts is December 1, 1999. For further information, or to submit an abstract, please visit the IWCST Web site (http://www.nhgri.nih.gov/IWCST/). IWCST featured speakers will include Michael Bittner, Ph.D., NHGRI/NIH, Bethesda; Thomas Cremer, M.D., Institute of Anthropology and Human Genetics, Munich; Ronald A. Depinho, M.D., Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston; Jonathan A. Fletcher, M.D.; Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston; Joe Gray, Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco; Connie Griffin, M.D., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore; Sverre Heim, Ph.D., Institute for Cancer Research, The Norwegian Radium Hospital, Norway; Olli Kallioniemi, M.D., Ph.D., NHGRI/NIH, Bethesda; Ilan R. Kirsch, M.D., NCI/NIH Bethesda; Peter Lichter, Ph.D., Abteilung Organisation komplexer Genome, Heidelberg; Paul Meltzer, M.D., Ph.D., NHGRI/NIH, Bethesda; Felix Mitelman, M.D., University of Lund, Lund, Sweden; Uwe Mller, Ph.D., Vysis, Inc., Downers Grove, IL; Cynthia Morton, Ph.D., Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston; Dan Pinkel, Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco; Thomas Ried, M.D., NCI/NIH, Bethesda; Guido Sauter, M.D., University of Basel, Switzerland; Alejandro A. Schaffer, Ph.D., NCBI/NIH, Bethesda; Evelin Schrock, M.D., NCI/NIH, Bethesda; and Michael Speicher, M.D., Institute of Anthropology and Human Genetics, Munich.

Nominations

Nominations for 2000 ASHG Allan Award.—Established in 1961 in memory of William Allan (1881–1943), one of the first American physicians to conduct extensive research in human genetics, the Allan Award is presented annually to recognize outstanding contributions and continued productivity in the field of human genetics through research and/or teaching. Each year, the recipient of the award is designated by the Awards Committee, and a medal and $5,000 are presented at the ASHG Annual Meeting. The Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for this prestigious award, from the ASHG membership. If you have someone you would like to nominate for the 2000 Allan award, please write or send e-mail to Jane Salomon (ASHG Administrative Office) no later than April 1, 2000. Include a paragraph or two about why you think this person would be a good candidate for the award. The last five recipients of the Allan award were Stephen Warren (1999), Bert Vogelstein (1998), Phil Leder (1997), Robert Elston (1996), Kurt Hirschhorn (1995), and Douglas Wallace (1994). Please contact Jane Doran Salomon, American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814. Phone: (301) 571-1825; fax: (301) 530-7079; e-mail: jsalomon@genetics.faseb.org

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Courses

Human Teratogens: Environmental Factors That Cause Birth Defects.—Conference to be held April 30–May 2, 2000. Sponsored by Massachusetts General Hospital, under the direction of Lewis B. Holmes, M.D., and Associates. Cost: $485 for physicians and scientists, $300 for genetic counselors and nurses. For more information, contact Harvard Medical School's Department of Continuing Education at (617) 432-1525.

Short Course in Medical and Experimental Mammalian Genetics, 41st annual session.—Bar Harbor, Maine, July 17–28, 2000. This 2-week course is a joint effort of the Jackson Laboratory and Johns Hopkins University. The faculty comprises approximately 10 lecturers from each of these institutions and 20 lecturers from other universities and research laboratories. Lectures in the mornings and evenings and workshops in the afternoons cover the latest developments and research techniques in the genetics of human and mouse, with emphasis on comparative aspects. Lectures start from first principles and proceed to cover the latest in cytogenetics, molecular

genetics, population genetics, developmental genetics, linkage analysis, inborn errors of metabolism, prenatal diagnosis, congenital anomalies, and more. Ethical and societal aspects ("ELSI") of the new genetics are discussed. A "mouse clinic" presents mouse models; a medical genetics clinic gives an opportunity for review and discussion of patients and families with a variety of genetic disorders. For more information, contact Victor A. McKusick, M.D., University Professor of Medical Genetics, McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, 600 N. Wolfe Street, Blalock 1007, Baltimore, MD 21287-4922. Phone: (410) 955-6641; fax: (410) 955-4999; e-mail: mckusick@peas.welch.jhu.edu.

Calls for Attendance and Abstracts

Annual Conference.—The National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) 19th Annual Education Conference, "Exploring the Counseling Role in Genetic Counseling," will be held November 1–5, 2000 in Savannah, GA. Abstracts are being accepted for consideration as posters or platform presentations. The emphasis of this conference will be the social and psychological aspects of the genetic-counseling process and genetic disorders. Although abstracts related to the conference theme are encouraged, research on other aspects of genetic counseling and related fields will also be considered. Students and nonmembers are also encouraged to submit abstracts. Monetary awards will be presented for best full-member and student-member abstracts. Electronic submission deadline is midnight (Pacific Standard Time) on Friday, May 19, 2000. Hard-copy submissions must be postmarked by May 1, 2000. For more information regarding the conference or to submit an abstract electronically, please see the NSGC website (http://www.nsgc.org). Click on "conferences," and follow the instructions on the 19th Annual Education Conference page. For hard-copy submissions, request instructions and a submission form from Stephanie Cohen, MS, CGC, Maternal Fetal Medicine and Genetics Center, St. Vincent Hospital Family Life Center, 2001 West 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46260; phone: (317) 338-3487; e-mail: sacohen@stvincent.org. For other questions, please contact either Stephanie Cohen or Lyn Hammond, MS, CGC, Medical University of South Carolina, Division of Genetics and Child Development, 135 Rutledge Avenue, Room 395, Charleston, SC 29425; phone: (843) 876-1504; e-mail: hammondl@musc.edu

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Mitochondria Minisymposium.—The second National Institutes of Health (NIH) Mitochondria Minisymposium, "Mitochondria: Interaction of Two Genomes," will be held on March 14–15, 2000, at the NIH in Bethesda, MD. Some of the preeminent mitochondrial researchers will be featured. The event will be convened to accentuate the Wednesday Afternoon Lecture by Dr. Gary Gibson (Cornell-Burke): "Oxidative Processes and Signal Transduction in Alzheimer's Disease: Insights from Brains, Peripheral Cells, and Animal Models." The NIH Director's Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series is the most prestigious lecture series at NIH. The minisymposium's Web site (http://www.nih.gov/sigs/mito/March2000.html) with online registration, is now open. A schedule and travel and lodging information are available on the Web page. This second NIH Mitochondria Minisymposium will represent the first joint meeting of the Mitochondrial Medicine Society (MMS) and the Mitochondria Research Society (MRS). If you cannot register online, contact Dr. Steven J. Zullo, Building 10, Room 2D56, NIH, Bethesda, MD 20892. E-mail: zullo@helix.nih.gov