Announcements[1]

Employment Opportunities

Molecular and Human Geneticist.—The Ohio State University Department of Pediatrics at Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH, is seeking a physician scientist for appointment in the Division of Molecular and Human Genetics on the regular tenure track. Although it is anticipated that the position will be filled at the Assistant Professor level, highly competitive individuals at the Associate Professor rank will also be considered. Candidates must be ABMG board certified or board eligible in clinical genetics and must have training, board eligibility, and/or board certification in pediatrics. An interest or board certification in clinical biochemical genetics is desirable. The qualified applicant will spend the majority of the time developing an independent molecular genetics research program and participating in some of the patient care and teaching activities of the division. Generous start-up funds and new laboratory space are available in the Wexner Institute for Pediatric Research, attached to the Children's Hospital. The Institute is equipped with a state-of-the-art spf mouse facility and DNA sequencing, informatics, histopathology, transgenic, and ES cores. An expanding program in human cancer genetics exists on the main Ohio State University campus under the direction of Dr. Albert de la Chapelle. The Ohio State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Qualified women, minorities, Vietnam-era veterans, and disabled persons are encouraged to apply. Address correspondence, with references and curriculum vitae, to Dr. Gail Herman, Associate Professor and Chair, Genetics Search Committee, Children's Hospital Research Foundation, 700 Children's Drive, Room W403, Columbus, OH 43205; phone (614) 722-2848; fax (614) 722-2716; e-mail: HermanG@pediatrics.ohio-state.edu

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Chief of Genetics.—A full-time position is available for a Chief of Genetics (M.D. required) to work at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital (SJCH [Paterson, NJ]), a major affiliate of Mt. Sinai School of Medicine. SJCH is located 12 miles from Manhattan and has the largest pediatric training residency program in New Jersey. SJCH offers virtually all pediatric subspecialties, including pediatric open-heart surgery and a level III neonatal intensive care unit. Academic appointment at Mt. Sinai is available, and a strong interest in patient care, teaching, and clinical research is required. Salary and benefits are highly competitive. Interested applicants should contact William G. Bithoney, M.D., Physician in Chief, St. Joseph's Children's Hospital, 703 Main Street, Paterson, NJ 07503; telephone: (973) 754-2544; fax: (973) 754-2546; e-mail: bithonew@sjhmc.org

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Faculty Position, University of Virginia School of Medicine.—The Division of Medical Genetics at the University of Virginia invites application for a new faculty position. This tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level requires certification by the ABMG in both clinical genetics and clinical molecular genetics. This individual will be Director of the Molecular Pathology Laboratory, with significant protected time for basic research. Applicants should submit a letter of interest and a curriculum vitae by e-mail (tek8s@virginia.edu) or regular mail to Thaddeus E. Kelly, M.D., Ph.D., Box 386, Health Sciences Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22908. The University of Virginia is an equal opportunity and affirmative action employer. Minority and women applicants are specifically encouraged to apply.

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please mail announcements to The American Journal of Human Genetics, Emory University School of Medicine, 1462 Clifton Road, Room B28, Atlanta, GA 30322-3050; fax them to (404) 712-9984; or send via E-mail to ajhg@emory.edu. Submission must be received *at least 7 weeks* before the month of issue in which publication is requested. They must be double spaced with a 1½-inch margin on all sides. The maximum length is *250 words*, excluding the address for correspondence. Please include a cover letter indicating the name of the sponsoring ASHG member.

Co-Director or Associate Director.—The Clinical Cytogenetics Laboratory of the Division of Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Florida is seeking applications for the position of Co-Director or Associate Director, depending on the candidate's credentials. The laboratory is a full-service facility with ~2,500 samples a year, including amniotic fluid, blood, bone marrow, and molecular cytogenetics. The candidate's duties will include clinical service and teaching as well as research development. Opportunities exist for collaboration with the Department of Pathology, the Center for Mammalian Genetics, the Cancer Center, and the Genetics Institute of the University of Florida. Candidates must have an M.D. and/or a Ph.D. and must be certified (or eligible for certification) by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Please contact Robert Zori, M.D., Department of Pediatrics, University of Florida, P.O. Box 100296, Gainesville, FL 32610-0296; e-mail: ZORIRT@peds.ufl.edu; telephone: (352) 955-5877; fax: (352) 955-5899.

Postdoctoral Position.—A postdoctoral position is available immediately, to participate in an ongoing program on positional cloning of a tumor-suppressor gene at 12q22 in human male germ-cell tumors (Genome Res 9:662–671). The research involves the use of methods in molecular biology and genome analysis. Applicants should have a Ph.D. and at least 1 year of experience in genome analysis, cell biology, or molecular biology. Experience in positional cloning approaches is preferred. Applicants should submit a brief summary of their research experience, a curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to Dr. V. V. V. S. Murty, Department of Pathology, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University, 630 West 168th Street, New York, NY 10032. Telephone: (212) 305-7914; fax: (212) 305-5498; e-mail: vvm2@columbia.edu

Genetic Counselor, Part-Time.—An immediate opening exists for a board-certified/board-eligible genetic counselor, 0.8 time with full benefits, to serve as coordinator of the comprehensive Ashkenazi Jewish Genetic Disease Screening Initiative. Join a busy division of genetics with one geneticist and three genetic counselors in an urban community hospital in Philadelphia. Responsibilities will include outreach education (for both professional and at-risk individuals) and genetic counseling. Local travel and evening lectures are required. Strong initiative, excellent communication skills, and the ability to work with different departments are essential. Candidates must be able to provide coverage for prenatal, pediatric, and cancer counseling when necessary. Send a curriculum vitae and three letters of recommendation to Tanya Bardakjian, M.S., Albert Einstein Medical Center, Genetics Division, 5501 Old York Road, Philadelphia, PA 19141. Telephone: (215) 456-8722; fax: (215) 456-2356; e-mail: schneida@aehn2.einstein.edu

Fellowship Opportunities

Postdoctoral Research Training Fellowships.—Applications are invited for postdoctoral research training fellowships, supported by an NIH training grant, based in the Department of Human Genetics at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. MSKCC is a comprehensive cancer center affiliated with the Cornell University Graduate School of Medical Sciences (CUGSMS). The central aim of the training is in cancer genetics, and research training will be available—in the areas of oncogenesis, the cell cycle and cell biology of cancer, genetic susceptibility to cancer, animal models of human cancer, and gene transfer for cancer gene therapy—in the laboratories of scientists at MSKCC (J. Boyd, R. Chaganti, N. Ellis, S. Jhanwar, M. Ladanyi, P. Marks, J. Massague, K.Offit, P. P. Pandolfi, N. Rosen, M. Sadelain, and H. Varmus), CUGSMS (R. Crystal, K. Elkon), and Rockefeller University (J. Friedman, J. Ott). Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and a statement of their research interest to P. P. Pandolfi, M.D., Ph.D., Head, Molecular and Developmental Biology Laboratory, Department of Human Genetics, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Avenue—Box 110, New York, NY 10021.

Call for Patients

Patients with Russell-Silver Syndrome (*MIM 180860*). Researchers in the Department of Pediatrics at Keio University School of Medicine are searching for the gene(s) responsible for Russell-Silver syndrome. Patients are sought for analysis of candidate genes, including IGF1R and GRB10 and its binding proteins; please refer to our report in this issue (by Yoshihashi et al.). For further information, please contact Kenjiro Kosaki, M.D., F.A.C.M.G, Assistant Professor of Medical Genetics, Chief, Division of Medical Genetics, Department of Pediatrics, Keio University School of Medicine, 35 Shinanomachi, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, 160-8582 Japan; fax: +81-3-5379-1978; e-mail: kkosaki@med.keio.ac.jp

Courses

Second Course in Genetic Counseling.—To be held October 15–20, 2000. The directors of this course are E. Anionwu (London), C. De Lozier-Blanchet (Geneva), Giovanni Romeo (Lyon and Genoa), and H. Skirton (London). Its goal is to provide individuals new to the field of clinical genetics and genetic counseling with an overview of the scientific, psychological, and societal aspects of counseling for genetic disorders. The target audience includes paramedical health care workers (nurses, genetic counselors, and laboratory geneticists) involved in genetic evaluation and primary-care physicians seeking to improve their knowledge of genetic counseling in practice. Faculty will include G. Andria (Naples), E. Anionwu (London), G. Bianchi-Movarekhi (Geneva), P. Chapman (Newcastle), C. De Lozier-Blanchet (Geneva), F. Eisinger (Marseilles), R. Elles (Manchester), G. Evers-Kiebooms (Leuven), R. Hennekam (Amsterdam), L. Kerren-Storrar (Manchester), L. Luzzatto (Genoa), M. Pembrey (London), G. Romeo (Lyon and Genoa), H. Skirton (London), D. Stoppa-Lyonnet (Paris), and G. Wolff (Freiburg). Morning sessions will include "Principles and Techniques of Genetic Diagnosis," "Basics of Communication and Expectations in Counseling," "Counseling in Prenatal-Onset and Late-Onset Disorders," "Screening for Genetic Disorders in Neonates and in Family Planning Situations," "Delivery of Genetic Services to the Community," "Training of Genetics Professionals," and "Ethical and Legal Aspects of Genetic Diagnosis and Counseling." Concurrent afternoon workshops will take place in groups of 15–20 students with 1–2 faculty members.

Second Course in Genetic Counseling (*in Italian*).—To be held October 13–16, 2000. The directors include G. Jacopini (Roma), M. Cirillo Silengo (Torino), and R. Tenconi (Padova). Workshop coordinators will include R. Carrozzo (Milano), M. Clementi (Padova), M. Lerone (Genova), and M. Seri (Genova). The aim of the course is to give updates on various aspects of genetic counseling, diagnostic (including laboratory and informatic) and organizational techniques, mainly for what concerns the application of genetic testing without adequate pre- and post-test counseling. The target audience is professionals working in health care and committed to genetic counseling at any level, including nurses, counselors, biologists, and physicians. The faculty will include R. Carrozzo (Milano), M. Cirillo Silengo (Torino), M. Clementi (Padova), A. Forabosco (Modena), M. Frontali (Roma), L. Gianaroli (Bologna), G. Jacopini (Roma), M. Lerone (Genova), M. Seri (Genova), A. Superti, Furga (Zurigo), R. Tenconi (Padova), and O. Zuffardi (Pavia). Morning sessions will include counseling principles and techniques, counseling types, diagnostic techniques, communication principles, ethical and psychological aspects, and evaluation tools. Afternoon workshops will be held concurrently, in groups of 15–20 students with 1–2 faculty members. For more information, visit the European Genetics Foundation website at http://www.eurogene.org

Meetings

The Society for Inherited Metabolic Disorders.—The Society for Inherited Metabolic Disorders (SIMD) will hold its annual meeting at the Wyndham Hotel in Miami Beach, FL, on March 4–7, 2001. The meeting is planned in conjunction with the meeting of the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) that will be held at the Hyatt Regency hotel in Miami on March 1–4. There will be a joint session of ACMG and SIMD on the afternoon of March 4: "What's New in Inborn Errors of Metabolism." The meeting program will also include sessions on inborn errors of metabolism in adults; metabolic disorders of the brain; disorders of homocysteine, folate, and cobalamin metabolism; "What's New in Newborn Screening"; and short presentations of new research. Registration material will be sent to SIMD members and to those requesting such material during the first week of December 2000. Registration and abstracts are due January 3, 2001. Travel grants will be awarded to junior scientists, who will be selected to present at the meeting on a competitive basis. The SIMD encourages the participation and application for travel awards from women and minorities. For more information, or to obtain registration material, please contact Leslie Lublink at (503) 636-9228 or by e-mail (lublinkl@ohsu.edu).

Second Annual Genetics & Human Disease Symposium, Emory School of Medicine.—This year's symposium, entitled "Genomes and Medicine," will be held Thursday, September 21, 2000, at the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Administration Building on the Emory University campus in Atlanta, Georgia. Speakers will include Aravinda Chakravarti (Case Western Reserve University), Elaine Fuchs (University of Chicago), Richard Gibbs (Baylor College of Medicine), Dennis Selko (Harvard Medical School), Jeff Trent (NHGRI), and Robert Waterson (Washington University). With the exception of CME credit, registration for this symposium is free. However, all participants must register by August 21, 2000. For more information and online registration see the symposium's Web site (http://www.bimcore.emory.edu/ghd00).