Announcements[1]

Employment Opportunities

Cytogenetic/Molecular Technologist.—The Kleberg cytogenetics and molecular cytogetics laboratory at Baylor College of Medicine has an immediate opening for an outstanding individual with proven ability in cytogenetics, FISH, and molecular genetics. The laboratory processes all types of cytogenetic samples and has a growing diagnostic molecular biology and FISH component. Responsibilities of the position will include establishing and monitoring quality-control/quality-assurance activities, implementing new technologies, and troubleshooting problems encountered in the day-to-day activities of the laboratory. The preferred candidate should have at least 2 years of experience in a full-service cytogenetics/molecular genetics laboratory, experience in microscopy, and a B.S. degree or higher in a related field. Salary will be commensurate with experience. Please send your curriculum vitae to Rizwan C. Naeem, M.D., F.A.C.M.G., Associate Professor, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Director, Kleberg Cytogenetics and Molecular Cytogenetics Laboratory, Baylor College of Medicine, One Baylor Plaza, Room 410A, Houston, TX 77030; telephone: (713) 798-4991; fax: (713) 798-4998; e-mail: rizwann@bcm.tmc.edu. The laboratory's administrative assistant, Narcy Stokes, can be contacted by telephone, at (713) 798-7576, or by e-mail, at mstokes@bcm.tmc.edu. To find out more about the Kleberg Cytogenetics Laboratory, visit our Web site (http://www.imgen.bcm.tmc.edu/medgen/klebergcytogenetics.htm).

Director of Biostatistics, Tenured Associate or Full Professor.—Candidates are invited to apply for a leadership role as director of the Division of Biostatistics in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and as associate director for biostatistics and informatics of the Cancer Center at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals of Cleveland. We seek candidates with nationally recognized scholarly and scientific accomplishments in biostatistics and an enthusiasm for undertaking translational research. The successful candidate will direct the biostatistics graduate program, which awards both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, leading seven faculty engaged in a broad range of research, including microarray analysis, statistical genetics, bioinformatics, and longitudinal data analysis. In addition, he or she will collaborate in the design and analysis of clinical trials and epidemiologic studies. Applicants should hold an earned doctorate in biostatistics or a related field. Please submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of research interests, and the names of three references to John S. Witte, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Case Western Reserve University, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106-4945; e-mail: jsw2@po.cwru.edu

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Director, Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory.—The Department of Pathology at University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas is seeking an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. who is board-certified in clinical molecular genetics (American Board of Molecular Genetics) or in molecular genetic pathology (American Board of Pathology) or is eligible for such certification, to be director of the Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory (rank dependent on qualifications). We wish to attract individuals with laboratory experience whose primary interest is in the clinical application of molecular and medical genetic testing. The department has a nationally recognized basic science and clinical faculty in molecular genetics and is committed to the continued expansion and development of a state-of-the-art molecular diagnostics laboratory. The successful candidate will be expected to direct all aspects of an established, high-volume molecular laboratory consisting of infectious disease, hematopathology/oncology, and molecular genetics divisions. Strong leadership and vision for the future growth and development of molecular and medical genetic testing is required to support the clinical services, research, and outreach programs of UT Southwestern

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Medical Center. The clinical programs supported include infectious disease, transplantation, obstetrics/gynecology, hematology/oncology, neurology, gastroenterology, and cardiology. The Director will also be responsible for supporting departmental educational programs and the molecular pathology fellowship program. An individual research program and collaborative interaction with other departments are strongly encouraged. Candidate must be eligible for a Texas medical license. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of interests, and a list of three references to Robert W. McKenna, M.D., Executive Vice Chair, Department of Pathology, 5323 Harry Hines Boulevard, Dallas, TX, 75390-9072. All communications will remain confidential. UT Southwestern Medical Center is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Director of Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics.—The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL, invites applications for the position of director of cytogenetics and molecular genetics. This full-time, continuing position carries a primary faculty appointment at Northwestern University at a rank commensurate with experience and academic activity. The director will be responsible for the administrative, clinical, and scientific direction of a laboratory that, annually, will analyze 500 lymphocyte/fibroblast cultures for constitutional abnormalities, 125 leukemia cultures, and 25 solid tumors. In addition, fluorescence in situ hybridization, comparative genomic hybridization, and molecular analysis are established procedures in the laboratory. The candidate should be certified in cytogenetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Preference will be given to candidates with certification in molecular genetics. Teaching of pathology and laboratory-medicine residents and medical students will be expected. The Children's Memorial Medical Center is an independent, multispecialty, free-standing hospital that provides tertiary-care pediatric services with active programs in all pediatric specialties, including genetics, hematology and oncology, and stem-cell and solid-organ transplantation. In addition, the Children's Memorial Institute for Education and Research offers a rapidly expanding research facility and a vibrant research environment. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, and the start date is negotiable. A curriculum vitae, a statement describing previous experience, and three references should be submitted to Elizabeth J. Perlman, M.D., c/o Pauline Chou, M.D., Children's Memorial Hospital, 2300 Children's Plaza, Chicago, IL 60614. Inquiries may be directed by telephone to Dr. Perlman at (410) 614-0320 or to Dr. Chou at (773) 880-4438. Northwestern University and Children's Memorial Hospital are affirmative action/equal opportunity employers. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Tenure-Track Position, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.—The Section on Systems Biology of Communication Disorders at the Laboratory of Molecular Genetics of the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD) in the National Institutes of Health is seeking an experienced geneticist with an active research program devoted to the mapping and identification of genes involved in human speech and language impairment and their underlying functions in the nervous system. The NIDCD offers an excellent working environment, including a well-equipped laboratory and a community of scholars (http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/intram/basic.htm). Candidates for this position must have a Ph.D. and/or an M.D., comprehensive advanced training, an outstanding publication record of peer-reviewed papers, and the demonstrable ability to conceive and conduct an independent research program. Salary, resources, and personnel support will be commensurate with education and experience. U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is required. The successful candidate is expected to maintain a program of independent research that is pertinent to the goals of the section. By April 30, 2002, please send an application—including a detailed curriculum vitae, recent reprints, a statement of research interests and long-term research goals, and three letters of recommendation—to Ms. Gayle Mundell, Personnel Management Specialist, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2320, Bethesda, MD 20892-2320; telephone: (301) 402-0508; TDD: (301) 402-1562; e-mail: mundellg@nidcd.nih.gov. The National Institutes of Health is an equal opportunity employer.

Genetic Counseling Associate.—The Center for Human Genetics at Boston University School of Medicine has an immediate opening for another board-certified or board-eligible genetic counseling associate or nurse geneticist. The position involves (1) coordination of a busy DNA diagnostic program and (2) genetic counseling in the genetics clinic and the high-risk perinatal clinic. Involvement in research projects is encouraged. Some experience is preferred but is not required. Contact Aubrey Milunsky, M.D., D.Sc., Center for Human Genetics, Boston University School of Medicine, 715 Albany Street, Boston, MA 02118; telephone: (617) 638-7083; fax: (617) 638-7092; email: amilunsk@bu.edu

Computational Biologist.—Biogen, one of the world's leading biotechnology companies with one of the most impressive pipelines in the industry, is seeking a computational biologist to assume responsibility for a drug target database. In this position, located in Cambridge, MA, the successful applicant will conduct self-directed research and collaborate with colleagues in bioinformatics, molecular biology, genetics, and structural biology to develop and maintain a drug target database. The successful applicant's primary responsibility will be to design and implement methods of identifying, classifying, and annotating secreted and cell-surface proteins using data from public and private genome databases. The ideal candidate will possess a Ph.D. and ⩾2 years of experience with DNA- and protein-sequence–analysis tools. Extensive experience with DNA and protein-sequence–analysis tools, intimate knowledge of public genome databases, and broad familiarity with methods of protein-motif identification and classification are desired. The ability to program in PERL or SQL is a plus. Visit our Web site (http://www.biogen.com/site/content/index.asp) for details on all of our exciting career opportunities in Cambridge, MA; Research Triangle Park, NC; and Europe. We have one of the strongest financial profiles in the industry, and our compensation and benefits package, including equity participation, is unmatched. For consideration, please forward your resume, indicating job code CM089-ASHG, by e-mail, to resumes@biogen.com. Only the job code should appear in the subject line. Hard copies should be sent to Biogen, Attn. Human Resources, 14 Cambridge Center, Cambridge, MA 02142. Biogen is an equal opportunity employer.

Statistical Geneticist.—Roche Molecular Systems, a leader in the field of DNA-based diagnostic tests, located in Alameda and Berkeley, CA, is looking for a statistical geneticist/biostatistican to join its multidisciplinary Complex Disease Group. The successful candidate will work on a variety of projects, including evaluation of whether candidate genes or haplotypes influence disease occurrence and analysis of mRNA profiling data. Responsibilities will also include review of potential publications for statistical accuracy and writing reports for in-house team members as well as outside collaborators. Qualifications for the position include familiarity with a wide range of statistical methods, such as ANOVA, logistic-regression analysis, survival analysis, linkage analysis, and multivariate analysis. Knowledge of genetics and experience in analysis genetic data are preferred. Proficiency in Splus or SAS is necessary. A Ph.D. or master's degree in statistics, biostatistics, statistical genetics, or genetic epidemiology is required. Good communication skills are required. Please submit your resume via e-mail to bonnie.fijal@roche.com

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Associate Director of Cytogenetics.—The City of Hope National Medical Center (COH) invites applications for the position of associate director of cytogenetics. The candidate must have a doctoral degree (M.D. or Ph.D.) and should be certified in cytogenetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Experience in cancer cytogenetics and molecular cytogenetics techniques is desirable. COH is a National Cancer Institute–affiliated clinical cancer center and research institution dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of hematologic malignancies and solid tumors. Responsibilities include administration, teaching, and supervision of a cancer cytogenetics diagnostic laboratory (~2,500 samples/year). Development of an independent genetics-based research program is encouraged but not mandatory. A curriculum vitae, a statement describing previous experience, and three references should be submitted to Marilyn L. Slovak, Ph.D., City of Hope National Medical Center, Department of Cytogenetics, Northwest Building, Room 2255, 1500 East Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010-0269. Applications and inquiries may be submitted by e-mail to mkyle@coh.org. COH is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Hiring is contingent on eligibility to work in the United States. For additional information about our medical center, please visit our Web site (http://www.cityofhope.org/).

Director of Molecular Genetics.—The Genetics Center in Orange, CA (Disneyland area), has an immediate opening for a director of its molecular genetics laboratory. The molecular genetics laboratory currently offers a wide range of diagnostic assays. Candidates should have a doctorate degree (Ph.D., M.D., or M.D./Ph.D.), should be board certified or eligible for a California Genetics Laboratory Directorship, and should have significant experience in DNA-based testing. Responsibilities will include interpretation and signing out of test results, supervision of the molecular laboratory, participation in laboratory activities, and development of new tests and/or technology. The Genetics Center is a comprehensive center with molecular genetics and cytogenetics laboratories, plus genetic counseling services and extensive genetics clinics. The Genetics Center has been in operation for 16 years and has been in our new building, with facilities custom built for us, for over a year now. We are a CME provider with an active continuing-education program, and opportunities are available to participate in educational activities. For more information, visit our Web site (http://www.geneticscenter.com/). We

offer full benefits, a very pleasant environment, and competitive salaries. A curriculum vitae, along with a cover letter detailing experience and future interests, should be sent to The Genetics Center, Attn.: Robert Meyer, Vice President, 211 South Main Street, Suite E, Orange, CA 92868; fax: (714) 288-8525; telephone: (714) 288-8520; e-mail: nzadeh@aol.com

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Fellowship

Training Fellowship in Clinical Cytogenetics—Applications are invited for a 2–3-year training fellowship in clinical cytogenetics at the Kleberg cytogenetics laboratory in the Department of Molecular and Human Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine. The central aim of the fellowship is eligibility for certification in clinical cytogenetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics. Ample opportunities for research are also available. Candidates with an M.D. or Ph.D. degree who have a strong background in cancer and molecular biology are encouraged to apply. Please send a copy of your resumé and personal statement to Rizwan C. Naeem, M.D., F.A.C.M.G., Associate Professor, Department of Molecular and Human Genetics, Director, Kleberg Cytogenetics and Molecular Cytogenetics Laboratory, Baylor College of Medicine, One Baylor Plaza, Room 410A, Houston, TX 77030; telephone: (713) 798-4991; fax: (713) 798-4998; e-mail: rizwann@bcm.tmc.edu. The laboratory's administrative assistant, Narcy Stokes, can be contacted by telephone, at (713) 798-7576, or by e-mail, at mstokes@bcm.tmc.edu. To find out more about the Kleberg Cytogenetics Laboratory, visit our Web site (http://www.imgen.bcm.tmc.edu/medgen/klebergcytogenetics.htm).

Awards

Allan Award.—The Allan Award is the highest honor bestowed by the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) and was 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 sustained and outstanding scientific contributions to human genetics. The Allan Award comprises a medal and $10,000, which is granted as a personal prize. The awardee is invited to present a 30–45-min plenary address to the ASHG at the annual meeting and is asked to submit a manuscript to *The American Journal of Human Genetics*. The award is not contingent on the address or the submission of a manuscript. A listing of previous Allan award winners can be found at the ASHG Web site (http://www.faseb.org/genetics/ashg/meet-2001/P-A/awards.htm). Nomination for the Allan Award should be based on a body of substantial and sustained scientific contributions, made over a lifetime, to human and medical genetics. A single scientific contribution is not considered sufficient. Both American and overseas scientists may be proposed. Awardees will usually be ASHG members, but membership is not required. Usually, a single recipient should be nominated. If two scientists have collaborated or have contributed independently to the topic for which the award is given, two individuals may be nominated. Each will receive the full amount of the award. All members of the Society are urged to submit a single nomination. Please submit a letter documenting the nominee's significant and sustained contributions to the field of human genetics. Nomination letters must be received by April 15, 2002, to be considered. Please send them to Joann A. Boughman, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 571-1825; fax: (301) 530-7079; e-mail: jboughman@ashg.org

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Stern Award.—The Stern Award was instituted by the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) in 2001 and honors the memory of Curt Stern (1902–81) as an outstanding pioneer in human genetics and the ASHG President in 1956. This award will be granted annually to a scientist for major scientific achievement in human genetics that occurred in the past 10 years. The award comprises a personal prize of $2,500 and an engraved crystal piece. Nomination for the Stern Award should be based on a major scientific discovery or a series of contributions on a similar or related topic during the past 10 years (whereas the Allan Award honors lifetime achievements). Both American and overseas scientists may be proposed. Awardees will usually be ASHG members, but membership is not required. Usually, a single recipient should be nominated. If two scientists have collaborated or have contributed independently to the topic for which the award is given, two individuals may be nominated. Each will receive the full amount of the award. All members of the Society are urged to submit a single nomination. Please submit a letter documenting the nominee's significant contribution to the last decade of discovery in human genetics. The nomination must be received by April 15, 2002, to be considered. Please send them to Joann A. Boughman, Ph.D., Executive Vice President, American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 571-1825; fax: (301) 530-7079; e-mail:jboughman@ashg.org

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ASHG Award for Excellence in Human Genetics Education.—The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) has established an award to recognize outstanding contributions to human genetics education. Nominations for this award are now being solicited from members of the Society. Nominees must have made a contribution that is recognized nationally or internationally as being of exceptional quality and great importance to human genetics education. Examples would include producing a set of writings that have had a major influence on human genetics education, developing a course that is widely emulated, writing a book that has been adopted by many universities, producing a popular television series on medical genetics, or directing a fellowship program that has consistently produced unusually successful graduates. The range of possible contributions to human genetics education is great, but the quality and impact of the contribution must be exceptional. Any ASHG member may propose a candidate for nomination by submitting appropriate documentation to the Information and Education Committee. This documentation should consist of a detailed description of the individual's qualifications and educational contribution(s), as well as letters of support from two other ASHG members. The Committee will choose at least three individuals as nominees each year and will prepare a standard dossier on each. These dossiers will be provided to the ASHG Awards Committee for consideration prior to the annual meeting. The recipient of the award will be selected by the ASHG Awards Committee from the nominations submitted to it by the Information and Education Committee. The Awards Committee may choose not to present the award in a given year if, in its opinion, none of the nominees is a suitable recipient. Previous award recipients are Margaret Thompson, Barton Childs, Victor McKusick, C. C. Li, Arno Motulsky, F. Clarke Fraser, and Charles Scriver. Nominations and supporting documents must be received by April 15, 2002, to be considered for the award. Please submit complete documentation and letters of recommendation in support of the nomination to ASHG Information and Education Committee, c/o Jane Doran Salomon, M.S., The American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814; e-mail: jsalomon@ashg.org

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Meetings

Third International Meeting on the Genetic Epidemiology of Complex Traits.—This meeting will be held April 4–6, 2002, at Churchill College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom. Its content will include a 1-day introductory course on the genetic epidemiology of complex diseases, covering design and analytical issues; a 2-day conference program with updates from international speakers, aimed at a more advanced audience; a forum where researchers can present their questions to panels of experts; and poster presentations. The introductory/refresher course will include an overview of methods and designs, association studies, linkage studies and packages, TDT analysis, current and novel molecular-biology methods for gene discovery, variance-components analysis, and animal models. Advanced topics will include extent of linkage disequilibrium, gene-expression analysis, combined association and linkage studies, Bayesian QTL analysis, epidemiology, novel methods, meta-analysis, DNA pooling, clinical examples, and haplotype analysis. International speakers and chairs will include Gonçalo Abecasis, Cathryn Lewis, David Balding, Klaus Lindpainter, John Blangero, Alex MacGregor, Dorret Boomsma, Nick Martin, Lon Cardon, Paul McKeigue, Robert Elston, Newton Morton, Jonathan Flint, Mike Neale, Philippe Froguel, Shaun Purcell, David Goldstein, Nik Schork, Jaako Kaprio, Pak Sham, Augustine Kong, Harold Snieder, Jerry Lanchbury, and Tim Spector. For information on registration and abstracts, visit our Web site (http://www.twin-research.ac.uk/) or send an e-mail message to Cambridge2002@twin-research.ac.uk

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International DNA Sampling Conference.—The 3d International DNA Sampling Conference will be held in Montreal, Canada, September 5–8, 2002. The conference will be hosted by the Center for Research in Law of the University of Montreal, the Health Law Institute of the University of Alberta, and the Network for Applied Genetic Research of Quebec. This conference will bring together leaders, researchers and policy-makers to examine the following themes: "Population Genetics and Community Genetics," "Research: DNA Sampling and Banking," "Public and Private Databases," "Discrimination," "Benefit-Sharing," and "Patents." For additional information, please visit the conference Web site (http://www.humgen.umontreal.ca/conference/en/) or reach us by telephone at (514) 343-2142.

Genetic Testing and Public Policy: Preparing Health Professionals.—This conference will be held May 13, 2002, in Baltimore, MD. Educating health care professionals about genetics is a high priority of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetic Testing (SACGT), because of its critical importance to ensuring the appropriate use of genetic tests. As the use of genetic testing expands into many areas of health care, the capacity of health care professionals to provide accurate and up-to-date information to patients and consumers becomes

essential. Through a combination of plenary presentations and panel discussions, this conference will explore the integration of genetics into primary care, will highlight the use of family-history taking as a primary predictive test, and will discuss the various roles of health care providers in the provision of genetics services. Afternoon focus groups will concentrate on several different areas of genetics education, training, and integration. Recommendations from the conference will be considered by the SACGT for proposal to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The meeting is open to the public and free to all participants. A catered luncheon is offered at the cost of $30. All lunch reservations must be made in advance. For meeting information and registration, see the SACGT Web site (http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/sacgt.htm).

Subjects Needed

Identical Twins with Tuberous Sclerosis Needed for Research Study.—Dr. David Kwiatkowski and colleagues are seeking identical twins with tuberous sclerosis (TSC) for a research study investigating the genetic basis of variability in clinical manifestations of TSC. Review of medical records, contact with treating physicians, and a blood sample for analysis for mutations in the TSC genes will be required. For more information or if you are willing to participate, please contact Dr. Kwiatkowski at Genetics Laboratory, Hematology Division, Brigham & Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, 221 Longwood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115; telephone: (617) 278-0384; fax: (617) 734-2248; e-mail: dk@rics.bwh.harvard.edu

Patients or Families with Jeune Syndrome (*Asphyxiating Thoracic Dystrophy*).—Our research group is seeking to map and clone the gene that underlies Jeune syndrome. We have already recruited a number of affected consanguineous families and are now performing a homozygosity mapping study, with the approval of the Institute of Child Health's research ethics committee. If you know of any patients or families with Jeune syndrome, especially consanguineous families, who might be willing to participate in this project, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. Please contact Dr. Frances Goodman (fgoodman@hgmp.mrc.ac.uk) or Prof. Peter Scambler (pscamble@hgmp.mrc.ac.uk) at the Molecular Medicine Unit, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH, United Kingdom; telephone: +44 (20) 7242-9789 x2432; fax: +44 (20) 7404-6191.

Request for Research Proposals

Angelman Syndrome.—The Angelman Syndrome Foundation USA announces the availability of $75,000 to be awarded in support of research on Angelman syndrome (AS). All areas of biomedical and behavioral research involving AS will be considered. The Angelman Syndrome Foundation will be flexible regarding the number of awards made and the amount of funding for each. Deadline for receipt of applications will be March 15, 2002. Applications should be assembled following these general guidelines: a one-page summary abstract of proposed research; the main body of the proposal, which should not exceed six pages in length and should include identification of the primary investigator, a summary of his or her background, hypothesis, methods, the significance of the proposed research, and a time frame for its completion; a one-page budget summary and justification (no indirect costs will be allowed); a curriculum vitae of the principal investigator(s); and letters of support/collaboration, where necessary. Proposals dealing with human or animal subjects must conform to the usual review by an institutional review board; a copy of approval must be provided before funding is released. A cover letter and 10 copies of the above should be submitted to the Scientific Advisory Committee, Angelman Syndrome Foundation USA, c/o Prof. Daniel F. Harvey, Ph.D., 414 Plaza Drive, Suite 209, Westmont, IL 60559. Proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Angelman Syndrome Foundation. Questions about this announcement should be directed to Angelman Syndrome Foundation, 414 Plaza Drive, Suite 209, Westmont, IL 60559; telphone: (800) 432-6435; fax: (630) 655-0391; e-mail: info@angelman.org. See our Web site (http://www.angelman.org/call_for_proposals.htm).

Resource for Genetics Research

Gene Discovery Project.—The Epilepsy Foundation invites applications from scientists who wish to gain access to the pedigree information entered into the Foundation's Gene Discovery Project relational database. The Epilepsy Foundation, via its Web site, is collecting data on a voluntary and confidential basis from people who have a family history of epilepsy. Approved researchers are granted access to query the database and to select pedigrees that match their genetic studies. The Epilepsy Foundation will serve to introduce researchers to families they may wish to invite to participate in a specific study. More

information about the Gene Discovery Project can be found by visiting the project Web site (http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/gene/). Inquiries are invited from researchers who meet all the eligibility criteria outlined in the application. All research must be conducted within the United States. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. Applications can be found on the Web (http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/GDP application/) or by contacting the Epilepsy Foundation, Gene Discovery Project, 4351 Garden City Drive, Landover, MD 20785-2267; telephone: (301) 459-3700; fax: (301) 577-2684; e-mail: grants@efa.org