

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Research Assistant.—The Department of Biomedical Research at the Nemours Children's Clinic, in Wilmington, DE, is seeking a full-time research assistant to work in its genetic epidemiology laboratory. Duties will focus on the application of statistical genetic analysis to various research projects, including linkage and association studies of complex disorders (such as osteoporosis, inflammatory bowel disease, and type 1 diabetes). Candidates must possess a degree in statistics, epidemiology, or a related area and must be experienced in Windows and Unix environments. Send resume to Dr. Marcella Devoto, Department of Biomedical Research, Nemours Children's Clinic, P.O. Box 269, Wilmington, DE 19899. Resumes may be submitted electronically to mdevoto@nemours.org

CALL FOR PAPERS

17th Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences.—The 17th Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) will be held August 21–26, 2005, in Hong Kong. It will be the second IAFS meeting ever to be held in Asia. The submission deadline for papers is March 31, 2005. Topics include clinical forensic medicine, computer forensics and digital evidence, criminalistics, criminal profiling, DNA profiling and serology, drugs of abuse, engineering sciences, fingerprint detection and identification, firearm/toolmark examination and identification, forensic anthropology and human identification, forensic biology, forensic education, forensic entomology, forensic nursing, forensic

odontology, forensic pathology, forensic psychiatry, law and ethics, mass disaster victim identification, quality assurance and laboratory management, questioned documents, scientific historiography/forensic archaeology, sexual assault examination, toxicology, traffic medicine, victims of torture and genocide, and others. A submission form and further details are available on the IAFS meeting Web site (<http://www.iafs2005.com>). For further inquiries, please contact the Conference Secretariat; telephone: (852) 2559 9973; fax: (852) 2547 9528; e-mail: info@iafs2005.com

CONFERENCES

8th Annual Nail Patella Syndrome Conference.—The 8th International Nail Patella Syndrome (NPS) Conference will be held in Orlando, FL, on July 7–10, 2005, at the Grosvenor Resort (<http://www.grosvenorresort.com/>) in Disney World. The conference is sponsored by Nail Patella Syndrome Worldwide, Inc. (NPSW). Educational and medical presentations will explore a variety of topics related to the care of children and adults with NPS, as well as information on the basic biology of the disease. All are welcome to attend. The conference is designed not only for patients with NPS and their families but also for medical professionals in genetics, orthopedics, ophthalmology, nephrology, pediatrics, and internal medicine. Further information is available from Celeste Chandler (cmoc@comcast.net) or at the NPSW Web site (<http://www.nailpatella.org/>). Accommodation can be reserved by calling (800) 624-4109 (conference rate code: NPSW).

International Anophthalmia/Microphthalmia Conference.—The Fourth International Anophthalmia/Microphthalmia (A/M) Conference will be held March 18–20, 2005, in Philadelphia, PA. The conference will be hosted by the International Childrens Anophthalmia Network (ican), a parent–support group for A/M and Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Both parents and

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professionals are welcome. Updates on treatment, research, and the genetics of A/M will be presented. Other events include educational seminars, social gatherings, and free medical consultations in conjunction with the Department of Ophthalmology at Childrens Hospital of Philadelphia. This conference will provide opportunities for families to establish support networks. For additional information and registration materials for the conference, please contact Tanya Bardakjian, MS, at Albert Einstein Medical Center, 5501 Old York Road, Levy 2 West, Philadelphia, PA 19141; telephone: (215) 456-8722; e-mail: bardakjiant@einstein.edu

POSTDOCTORAL POSITIONS

Cytogenetics and Chromatin Remodeling.—The Krawetz group (<http://compbio.med.wayne.edu/>) is using the

human protamine gene cluster and RNA delivery by sperm as a model of chromatin-mediated genome reprogramming towards normal human development. Positions as part of an interdisciplinary research team using advanced FISH, microarray, real-time, and computational technologies to determine how chromatin structure and RNA regulates gene expression and early development. Self-motivated individuals trained in cytogenetics procedures, including FISH and/or PRINS, who are interested in mechanisms of global chromatin remodeling are encouraged to apply. Self-motivated individuals trained in molecular biology, genetics, and/or biochemistry are especially encouraged to apply. Forward your curriculum vitae and three letters of reference to Dr. S. A. Krawetz, C.S. Mott Center for Human Growth and Development, Wayne State University School of Medicine, 275 E. Hancock, Detroit, MI 48201; e-mail: steve@compbio.med.wayne.edu. WSU is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.