

Announcements¹

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Director.—The Department of Child Health at the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Medicine is seeking a full-time Director for the Division of Medical Genetics. Applicants must be board certified in medical genetics and pediatrics and must have a record of academic, medical, and leadership excellence. The Director will lead a faculty of board-certified geneticists and researchers, genetic counselors, and nurses, with interests in autism, dysmorphology, biochemical genetics, and teratology. He or she will direct clinical and research programs, as well as training programs accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and will be responsible for developing progressive programs that support the missions of the Division of Medical Genetics, the Department of Child Health, and the School of Medicine. Academic rank at the associate-professor or full-professor level on either the clinical or tenure track is expected. Please direct all inquiries—as well as your letters of reference and curriculum vitae—to Bert Bachrach, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Child Health, Columbia, MO 65212; e-mail: bachrachb@missouri.edu. We also invite you to visit our Web site (<http://www.genetics.missouri.edu/>). Columbia, MO, has a lot to offer you! Visit the Chamber of Commerce Web site (<http://chamber.columbia.mo.us/visitors.html>) for additional information. The University of Missouri is an equal opportunity employer and complies with the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The department welcomes applications from underrepresented physician groups. For ADA accommodations, please contact our ADA coordinator; telephone: (573) 884-8278.

1. Announcements are published free of charge for members of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG). Please e-mail announcements 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.

Faculty Positions.—The Center for Human Genetics at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) invites applications for two tenure-track positions at the assistant-, associate-, or full-professor level. Expertise in population genetics, human evolution, comparative evolution, informatics/computational genetics, or statistical genetics—with an interest in the genetics of susceptibility to disease or variation in drug response (pharmacogenetics)—is desired. Candidates should have a doctoral degree and postdoctoral research experience. The new faculty members will be expected to teach in the Center and to establish an independent research program that will attract and maintain extramural funding. Please send a curriculum vitae, including a brief description of research interests, and the names of three references to Neil Risch, c/o Cory Fergus, UCSF, San Francisco, CA, 94143-0749; e-mail: fergusc@humgen.ucsf.edu. The University of California is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply, including minorities and women.

CONFERENCES

Jefferson Matrix Biology Days 2005.—The 12th International Symposium on Basement Membranes will be held at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA, on June 15–18, 2005. The conference is sponsored by the Lennox K. Black International Prize for Excellence in Medicine, in memory of Rupert Timpl. A special Matrix Biology Symposium will be held to honor Darwin J. Prockop. For further information on the programs, topics, abstract submissions/deadlines, and hotel accommodations and to register for this event, please visit our Web site (<http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/matrixbiology2005>) or contact Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Executive Secretary; telephone: (215) 503-5786; fax: (215) 503-5788; e-mail: eileen.oshaughnessy@jefferson.edu

British Human Genetics Conference.—The British Human Genetics Conference will be held September 12–14, 2005, at the University of York in England. Symposium topics include “Diabetes/Obesity” (speakers: Professor Andrew Hattersley [Exeter], Dr. Jonathan Cohen [Dallas, TX], and Professor Steve O’Rahilly [Cambridge]), “Post Genome Technology and Medical Genetics” (speakers: Professor Stephen Pennington [Dublin], Dr. Roy Goodacre [Manchester], and Professor Han Brunner [Nijmegen, The Netherlands]), “Evaluating Genetic Services” (speakers: Dr. Nicholas Steel [Norwich], Dr. Mandy Collins [Southampton], Ms. Lesley Gren [CLIMB], Dr. Marion McAllister [NOWGEN], Ms. Sarah Sahman [TrentCOM], and Linda Davies [NOWGEN]), “Genome Variation and Evolution” (speakers: Dr. Evan Eichler [Seattle, WA], Dr. Stephen Scherer [Ontario], and Dr. Chris Tyler-Smith [Cambridge]), and “Chromatin Diseases” (speakers: Professor Wendy Bickmore [Edinburgh], Dr. Silvere van der Maarel [Leiden, The Netherlands], Professor Doug Higgs [Oxford], and Professor Angus Clarke [Cardiff]). The Carter Lecture on “Humanity’s Genes” will be given by Professor Sydney Brenner, FRS, Nobel laureate. The topic for debate will be as follows: “This house believes that healthy carriers identified during neonatal screening should have their carrier status disclosed to their parents” (speakers to be confirmed). Workshops will include “Genetic Education and Practice for Non-Specialist Health Professionals” (speakers: Dale Lea [United States], Clara Gaff [Cardiff], Greta Westwood [Southampton], Glenda Augustine [Birmingham], and Maggie Kirk [NHS GEDC UK]), “Array Based Technologies: Copy Number Changes and Gene Expression in Acute Leukaemia” (speakers: Professor Bryan Young [London], Dr. Jon Strefford [Southampton], Dr. Jan Cools [Leuven, Belgium], and Professor Torsten Haferlach

[Munich]), “Molecular Genetics and Cancer Diagnosis” (speakers: Professor Ian Tomlinson [London], Francis Barany [New York], and Dr. Brian Clark [London]), and “Skeletal Dysplasias in the Clinic: A Practical Approach to Diagnosis and Management” (speakers: Professor Geert Mortier [Ghent], Professor Christine Hall [London], and Dr. Michael Wright [Newcastle]). Plenary and concurrent sessions will be drawn from submitted papers. Further information is available from The Conference Office, British Society for Human Genetics, Clinical Genetics Unit, Birmingham Women’s Hospital, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TG, United Kingdom; telephone: 0121 627 2634; fax: 0121 623 6971; e-mail: york2005@bshg.org.uk. Information is also available on the British Society for Human Genetics Web site (<http://www.bshg.org.uk/>). The registered charity number is 1058821.

SYMPOSIUM

The 6th International Symposium on Familial Amyloidotic Polyneuropathy and Other Transthyretin Related Disorders and the 5th International Workshop on Liver Transplantation in Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy.—The 6th International Symposium on Familial Amyloidotic Polyneuropathy and Other Transthyretin Related Disorders and the 5th International Workshop on Liver Transplantation in Familial Amyloid Polyneuropathy will be held August 24–26, 2005, in La Jolla, California. Registration and abstract-submission information is available on our Web site (<http://www.scripps.edu/mem/rheum/index2.html>). For further details, please contact Dr. Joel Buxbaum, The Scripps Research Institute, 10550 North Torrey Pines Road, MEM-230, La Jolla, CA 92037; telephone: (858) 784-8884; fax: (858) 784-8891; e-mail: michaelp@scripps.edu