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2009 Signature Genomic Laboratories Travel Award Winner Announced

BETHESDA, MD – APRIL 2, 2009 | Kathy M. Chun, PhD, FACMG was honored as the 2009 recipient of the Signature Genomic Laboratories Travel Award at the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) 2009 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Tampa, Florida. Dr. Chun is Director, Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics at the North York General Hospital in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Chun received her PhD from the University of Toronto in Biochemistry.

A new award in 2008, the Signature Genomics Travel Award is given to a selected student, trainee or junior faculty ACMG member whose abstract submission was chosen as a platform presentation during the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. The ACMG program committee selects the Travel Award recipient based on scientific merit. In recognition of the selected presentation, Signature Genomics covers the travel costs for the recipient to the ACMG meeting.

“The American College of Medical Genetics Foundation is grateful to Signature Genomics for their generous support of up-and-coming medical genetic researchers through the Signature Genomics Travel Award,” said R. Rodney Howell, MD, FACMG, president of the ACMGF.

“Signature supports the recognition of outstanding young researchers in the field of medical genetics,” said Lisa G. Shaffer, PhD, president and CEO of Signature Genomics. “We are proud to be sponsoring this award.”

Note to editors: To arrange interviews with experts in medical genetics, contact Kathy Beal, MBA, ACMG Director of Public Relations at kbeal@acmg.net or 301-238-4582.

About the American College of Medical Genetics

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics (www.acmg.net) advances the practice of medical genetics by providing education, resources and a voice for more than 1400 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals committed to the practice of medical genetics. ACMG’s activities include the development of laboratory and practice standards and guidelines, advocating for quality genetic services

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