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2012 ACMG Foundation/Signature Genomic Laboratories, PerkinElmer Inc., Travel Award Winner Announced

BETHESDA, MD—March 30, 2012 | Amanda R. Barone was honored as the 2012 recipient of the **ACMG Foundation/Signature Genomic Laboratories, PerkinElmer Inc., Travel Award** at the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) 2012 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Charlotte, NC.

Ms. Barone was selected for the award for her platform presentation, “Triheptanoin Therapy for Inherited Disorders of Fatty Acid Oxidation.”

Ms. Barone will complete her Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in 2013. She received her Bachelor of Science in Cellular and Molecular Biology with High Distinction from the University of Michigan. She is currently involved in clinical metabolic genetics research at the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh and her research interests include treatment of genetic disorders in the pediatric setting, pediatric infectious diseases and the molecular biology of cancer.

The ACMG Foundation/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 thankful for Signature Genomics’ generous support of developing medical genetic researchers through the Signature Genomics Travel Award,” said R. Rodney Howell, MD, FACMG, president of the ACMG Foundation.

“Signature Genomics is pleased to support the recognition of young researchers in the field of medical genetics. The deserving recipient is just one of the many outstanding presentations at this year’s ACMG meeting,” said Lisa G. Shaffer, PhD, co-founder of Signature Genomics and Chief Scientific Officer for Molecular Diagnostics at PerkinElmer. “We are proud to be sponsoring this award again this year.”

About the American College of Medical Genetics and ACMG Foundation

The ACMG Foundation (www.acmgfoundation.org), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a community of supporters and contributors who understand the importance of medical genetics and genomics and genetic counseling in healthcare. Established in 1992, the ACMG Foundation supports the American College of Medical Genetics’ mission to “translate genes into health” by raising funds to promote the profession of medical genetics and genomics to medical students, to fund the training of future medical geneticists, to support best-

practices and tools for practicing physicians and laboratory directors, to promote awareness and understanding of our work in the general public, and much more.

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 in healthcare and in public health, and promoting the development of methods to diagnose, treat and prevent genetic disease. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website (www.acmg.net) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Medical Geneticist Locator. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals.

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