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2015 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting Named One of the Fastest Growing Meetings in USA for Fourth Time

BETHESDA, MD – **June 22, 2016** | The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics was once again honored by *Trade Show Executive Magazine* as one of the fastest-growing trade shows during the Fastest 50 Awards and Summit on May 25-27 at the Bellagio in Las Vegas.


Winners are selected based on the highest percentage of growth in each of the following categories: net square feet of paid exhibit space, number of exhibiting companies and number of attendees. The 2015 ACMG Annual Meeting was ranked 23 out of 50 in the attendance increase metric. Attendance at that meeting increased by 17% with total attendance being 3,046. By comparison, the metrics growth for the entire industry saw a 1.3% for attendance increases. Those honored at the 2016 Fastest 50 Awards and Summit were in the top .01% of all tradeshow and meetings.

The ACMG has been recognized by *Trade Show Executive Magazine* as one of the Fastest 50 in various metrics for the 2010, 2013, 2014 and 2015 meetings as follows: 2014 – #36 - net square feet of paid exhibit space; #26 - number of exhibiting companies; #44 - number of attendees, 2013 – #36 net square feet of paid exhibit space; #8 - number of exhibiting companies, and 2010 – #38 net square feet of paid exhibit space.

“It is exciting to be part of such a select group year after year,” said Jane Dahlroth, CEM, CMP-HC, ACMG Director of Meetings and Exhibits. “The continued growth of the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting is a testament to the value of the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting to ACMG members, meeting attendees, companies and organizations within the field of genetics and genomics.”

About the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (www.acmg.net) is the specialty society representing U.S. clinical and laboratory Medical Geneticists who are board certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics, one of the 24 primary member specialty boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties. Fellows of ACMG are from four specialties: MD/DO Clinical Genetics and three MD or PhD laboratory specialties (Clinical Biochemical Genetics, Clinical Cytogenetics, and Clinical Molecular Genetics). ACMG’s 2000 members also include genetic counselors, genetics nurses, and public health geneticists. Founded in 1991, ACMG is the only nationally recognized medical organization dedicated to improving health through the practice of medical genetics and genomics.



Three guiding pillars underpin ACMG's work: 1) Clinical and Laboratory Practice: Establish the paradigm of genomic medicine by issuing statements and evidence-based or expert clinical and laboratory practice guidelines and through descriptions of best practices for the delivery of genomic medicine. 2) Education: Provide education and tools for medical geneticists, other health professionals and the public and grow the genetics workforce. 3) Advocacy: Work with policymakers and payers to support the responsible application of genomics in medical practice. *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 and Position Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Find Genetic Services tool. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals through the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine.

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