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**Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD is Named President of the
American College of Medical Genetics
Six New Board of Directors Members Also Appointed and
Three Elected to New Posts**

BETHESDA, MD – APRIL 14, 2009 | Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG, of Birmingham, AL is the new **president of The American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG), the national professional organization for medical genetics professionals.** Dr. Korf takes over from outgoing President Joe Leigh Simpson, MD, FACMG, of Miami, FL who completed his two-year term at the 2009 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Tampa, Florida in late March.

“It is a great honor to be elected to this position. The genomics era in medicine is in full swing, and the possibilities for improvement of health through integration of genetics into medical practice are practically limitless. I look forward to working with the board, staff, and membership of the ACMG in making the most of these opportunities,” said Dr. Korf.

Dr. Korf, a renowned and accomplished geneticist, received his M.D. degree from Cornell University Medical College and his Ph.D. degree in genetics and cell biology from Rockefeller University. He then completed training in pediatrics, pediatric neurology, and genetics at Children’s Hospital, Boston. He served as clinical director in the Division of Genetics at Children’s Hospital from 1986 to 1999 and as the medical director of the Harvard-Partners Center for Genetics and Genomics from 1999-2002. Currently he is the Wayne H. and Sara Crews Finley Professor of Medical Genetics and Chairman, Department of Genetics and Director, Heflin Center for Human Genetics at University of Alabama at Birmingham. His book, **Human Genetics: A Problem-Based Approach** is currently in its third edition. He is also co-author of **Medical Genetics at a Glance**, co-editor of the fifth edition of **Emery and Rimoin’s Principles and Practice of Medical Genetics**, and co-editor of **Current Protocols in Human Genetics**. He has completed terms as president of the Association of Professors of Human and Medical Genetics, member of the boards of directors of the American College of Medical Genetics and the American Society of Human Genetics, member of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, and the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Counselors.

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“ACMG and its members are at the forefront of genetics research, education and practice. Dr. Korf is a highly capable leader in all of these areas and is an ideal fit for our organization and mission at this point in time,” said Michael S. Watson, PhD, FACMG, executive director of the ACMG. “This is a time of promise and excitement in medical genetics as we translate genetic discoveries into better patient care and we look forward to Dr. Korf’s valuable contributions as the new ACMG President.”

New officers and directors of the ACMG Board of Directors include:

President-Elect: Wayne W. Grody, MD, PhD, FACMG, UCLA School of Medicine

Director, Laboratory Genetics: Gregory A. Grabowski, MD, FACMG, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

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Three existing Board members were elected to new posts:

Vice-president, Laboratory Genetics: Piero Rinaldo, MD, FACMG, Mayo Clinic

Vice-president, Clinical Genetics: Marc S. Williams, MD, FACMG, Intermountain Healthcare

Treasurer: Dayna Wolff, PhD, FACMG, Medical University of South Carolina

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 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, Educational Resources, and a Find a Geneticist tool. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals. The **American College of Medical Genetics Foundation** (www.acmgfoundation.org) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to funding the College’s diverse efforts to translate genes into health.

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