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Marwan Khaled Tayeh, PhD is Awarded the 2010 Richard King Trainee Award for Best Publication in Genetics in Medicine Journal

BETHESDA, MD – March 30, 2010 | Marwan Khaled Tayeh, Ph.D. is the recipient of the second annual Richard King Trainee Award. This award was instituted by the American College of Medical Genetics Foundation (ACMGF) to encourage ABMG trainees in their careers and to foster the publication of quality research in Genetics in Medicine.

Each year the editorial board will review all articles published in GIM by an ABMG trainee who was either a first or corresponding author during that year. The manuscript felt to have the most merit will be selected and a cash prize awarded at the annual American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) meeting.

Dr. Tayeh is the 2010 recipient of the award for his manuscript "Targeted comparative genomic hybridization (CGH) array for the detection of single-and multiexongene deletions and duplications" published in April's Genetics in Medicine.

The award is given by the American College of Medical Genetics Foundation and is named for Dr. Richard King in recognition of his instrumental role in creating Genetics in Medicine and serving as the first Editor-in-Chief of the journal.

"GIM is pleased to have published this work by Dr. Tayeh. The award is well deserved, demonstrating the feasibility of using CGH array analysis in the identification of deletions and duplications which can be responsible for a variety of human diseases," said James P. Evans MD, PhD, FACMG, Editor-in-Chief; Genetics in Medicine. "This is an example of the kind of robust genomic analysis with has propelled mutation detection in clinical medicine. Genetics in Medicine is proud to have published this work by a promising trainee in the field of Medical Genetics."

Eligible trainees include those in the following programs: Clinical Biochemical Genetics Clinical Cytogenetics Clinical Molecular Genetics Combined Internal Medicine/Genetics Combined Pediatrics/Genetics PhD Medical Genetics

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J. David Cotter Director of Development Eligible trainees should identify themselves upon submission of manuscripts to Genetics in Medicine. The editorial board of Genetics in Medicine will determine the winning trainee and presentation of the award will be made each year at the American College of Medical Genetics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. (www. acmgmeeting.net).

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 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 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. **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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