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Sihoun Hahn, M.D., Ph.D., FACMG is the 2009-2010 Luminex/ACMGF Award Recipient

BETHESDA, MD – APRIL 2, 2009 | The American College of Medical Genetics Foundation (ACMGF) recently awarded Dr. Sihoun Hahn of Seattle Children's Hospital and the University of Washington School of Medicine the 2009-2010 Luminex/ACMGF Award at the American College of Medical Genetics 2009 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Tampa, FL. The award includes a \$100,000 grant and is aimed at the promotion of safe and effective genetic testing and services, including the development of research guidelines.

“Medical geneticists play a vital role in translating genetic research into medical services and in ensuring the safe integration of genetics into healthcare and public health. The Luminex/ACMGF Award recognizes this crucial role of medical geneticists by supporting an individual in undertaking activities that promote the highest levels of safety and effectiveness in genetic testing and genetic services,” said R. Rodney Howell, MD, FACMG, President of the ACMGF.

Dr. Hahn is a member of the advisory committee for newborn screening in Washington state and the medical advisory committee for the Wilson Disease Association. He is Director, Biochemical Genetics Program and Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Genetics and Genomic Medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Director, Biochemical and Molecular Genetics Laboratory, Seattle Children's Hospital.

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

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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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