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**American College of Medical Genetics Announces
Dates and Location of 2012 Annual Meeting**

BETHESDA, MD -- July 20, 2010 | The American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) is pleased to announce that Charlotte, North Carolina has been selected as the destination for the 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. The Westin Charlotte will serve as headquarters with the Hilton Charlotte Center City providing additional hotel rooms to accommodate the ACMG room block.

According to Bruce Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG, ACMG President, “We had a number of attractive cities and destinations to choose from for the 2012 Annual Meeting, but Charlotte seemed to meet the needs of our growing meeting the best. The downtown urban destination, the size and layout of the Convention Center and the close proximity of the hotels will provide a pleasant and convenient setting for the meeting.”

The dates of the 2012 meeting will be March 27-31, 2012, with the meeting starting on Tuesday and ending on Saturday – a new pattern for the ACMG meeting which currently meets Wednesday through Saturday. “We listened to our members and meeting attendees and decided to make a change in the schedule,” reported Jane Dahlroth, CEM, CMP, ACMG Meetings, Conventions and Exhibits Manager. “Feedback in recent years indicated, that while the networking and educational opportunities offered at the meeting are valuable, the attendees wished for a weekend day at home with their families before returning to work so beginning in 2012, the meeting will begin one day earlier and end on Saturday, allowing attendees to travel home Saturday evening or Sunday morning so that they can enjoy that valued family time.”

The Society of Inherited Metabolic Disorders (SIMD) will hold their 2012 Annual Meeting immediately following the ACMG in Charlotte too. The two groups will hold a Joint Plenary Session on Saturday on a topic related to metabolic genetics. Attendance at the 2010 ACMG meeting was 1,734 and it is anticipated 1,900-2,000 genetics professionals and exhibitors will participate in the Charlotte meeting. The 2011 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting will be held March 16-20 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

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