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American College of Medical Genetics Announces Record Attendance at 2010 Annual Meeting

BETHESDA, MD – May 12, 2010 | The American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) 2010 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting held in March in Albuquerque experienced another increase in both attendance and exhibit sales as the meeting continues a positive growth pattern.

Attendance at the 2010 meeting was 1,734 (a 4% increase over the 2009 meeting held in Tampa, Florida). Attendees came from 46 states plus Puerto Rico, with 8% of the attendees from 25 countries outside the United States. Exhibit space was also up with 92 exhibiting companies occupying 13,400 net square feet of exhibit space—a 19% increase over 2009.

The field of Medical Genetics is a rapidly expanding medical specialty, and ACMG and its members are at the forefront of genetics research, education and practice. Genetics has become an increasingly important aspect of modern medical care and a growing demand on the emphasis of genetic research and services for patients with hereditary disorders and diseases has resulted in new approaches to treatment, novel ways to diagnose diseases and the development of drugs and therapies that treat previously untreatable diseases.

“The growth of the ACMG meeting—attendance and exhibits—mirrors the growth of the field of medical and clinical genetics,” stated Jane Dahlroth, CEM, CMP, ACMG’s Meetings, Convention and Exhibits Manager. “In the last several years we have seen continued growth in all areas of the meeting and exhibition. This growth is an indication not only of the quality of the educational offerings, but the ACMG members and other genetics professionals who attend the meeting, understanding of the vast opportunities available in this era of genomic medicine.”

The ACMG will meet in Vancouver, BC Canada, March 16-20, 2011 where they will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the American College of Medical Genetics – and where they look forward to continued growth and success of the Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting.

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