



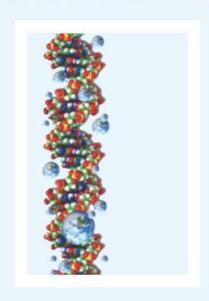
ACGA-HKSMG

International Conference on

Genetic and Genomic Medicine

8 - 11 June 2008

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, G/F William MW Mong Block, University of Hong Kong

Program at a glance

8 June 2008, Sunday

5:00 - 7:00pm	Registration
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9 June 2008, Monday

8:30 - 9:00am	Opening Ceremony			
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10 June 2008, Tuesday

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11 June 2008, Wednesday

8:30 - 9:30am	Keynote Speech V			
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10:00 am - 12:00pm	S13: Environment-Gene Interaction			
10.00 am - 12.00pm	S14: Population Genetics			
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Message from the Co-Chairs,

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are pleased to welcome you to the very first joint conference between ACGA and HKSMG, to be held from 8 to 11 June 2008.

The theme of this ACGA-HKSMG International Conference is "Genetic and Genomic Medicine". In the past few years, the increasing application of genomic technologies, both in the laboratory and at the bedside, is becoming apparent. Genome-wide analysis of transcriptional and structural changes became possible, and these latest technologies have quickly been taken into clinical trials and applications. Whole genome comparison and genome-wide association studies are becoming common in both the research and clinical literature. Expression profiling of neoplasms guides the choice of treatment regimens and provides an example of personalized medicine becoming reality. It is timely for us to explore these recent advancements in human biology in a colorful and ever-vibrant city, Hong Kong.

The organizing committee for the conference has put together an exciting program based on our theme, which will be of interest to both basic scientists and clinical geneticists. The four-day conference will consist of six keynote speeches and 18 concurrent sessions. The conference venue is the Cheung Kung Hai Conference Center of The University of Hong Kong, which is close to Central and Cyberport. We extend our thanks to Professor Lap-Chee Tsui and his colleagues for the coordination of venue support.

Currently, we have lined up more than 70 confirmed speakers on the latest advances in different fields of genetic and genomic medicine. The welcome reception and the conference banquet will provide you the superb opportunity to meet old friends and gain new ones. With delegates joining us from around the world, the conference will surely be the perfect setting to share and exchange knowledge, views and ideas.

Finally, I hope that you will also take the opportunity to enjoy the well-planned social program organized by our professional conference organizer.

Dr. Wai-Yee Chan

Dr. Stephen Lam

Organizers

Association of Chinese Geneticists in America

The Association of Chinese Geneticists in America (ACGA) was incorporated in Georgia, USA in 1987. It is a non-profit organization formed by a group of American geneticists of Chinese ethnicity but its membership is open to individuals of all races and ethnicity. One of the missions of the Association is to facilitate the interaction between the US genetics community and their colleagues in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore. The organization is supported by membership fees and donations. Included in its memberships are clinicians and researchers in the field of genetics including but not limited to molecular and biochemical genetics, plant and mammalian genetics, developmental biology, cytogenetics, clinical and medical genetics, genetic counseling etc. from academic, research, clinical and industrial organizations. The current membership is over 500. The organization is governed by an executive office headed by the President and under the supervision of a Board of Directors elected from active members. Its past presidents include Professor Yuet-Wai Kan (1989) (University of California, San Francisco, USA), Professor Savio LC Woo (1990) (Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY, USA), Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (1991) (Hong Kong University), Professor Yuen-Tsong Chen (1996) (Academia Sinica, Taipei), Professor Ethylin Wang Jabs (1997) (Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore), Professor Jin-Xiong She (2003) (Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia), Professor Li Jin (2006) (Fudan University, Shanghai), to just name a few. Election of officers and annual meeting are held every year during the annual meeting of the ASHG.

In the last few years, in addition to the annual meeting, ACGA had co-organized a number of international conferences with other organizations. These include the International Conference on Medical Genetics in 2004 co-organized with Peking University School of Basic Medical Science, Chinese Society of Medical Genetics, and Fudan University School of Life Sciences, the International Symposium of Genomic Medicine in 2005 co-organized with Fudan University, and the International Congress of Global Chinese Geneticists in 2006 co-organized with Peking University Center of Medical Genetics.

Organizers

Hong Kong Society of Medical Genetics

Hong Kong Society of Medical Genetics (HKSMG) was formed as a non-profit organization in 1986. The Society's aims are to promote the interest and knowledge in medical genetics in Hong Kong and to organize scientific and social meetings to facilitate interchange of ideas in medical genetics. Its members are from different disciplines such as the universities, government units, Hospital Authority service units and other scientific professions. This Society had previously organized four major conferences in medical genetics. These include the 2nd Asian Pacific Regional Meeting of the International Society for Newborn Screening 1995, the 1st to 3rd Hong Kong Medical Genetics Conferences in 1997, 1999 and 2005 respectively. Members are medical practitioners, scientists or technologists in the field of medical genetics.

Co-organizers

The University of Hong Kong

Chinese Society of Medical Genetics

Committee Members

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9:00 - 10:00am	Keynote Speech I	Oliver Smithies, UNC, Nobel Laureate			
10:00 - 10:30am		Coffee Break			
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	S1: Medical Genetics I	Lin He Yao-Shan Fan Stephen Tsang Taosheng Huang Cong-Yi Wang Selected Abstract Presentation			
10:00am - 12:30pm	S2: Developmental Genetics and Genomics	Tian Xu Kathryn Cheah, Zi-jiang Chen Selected Abstract Presentation			
	S3: Cancer Genetics & Genomics Edison Liu Constantine Stratakis Suet-Yi Leung Gary Lu Selected Abstract Presentation				
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Agilent Lunch Seminar				
2:00 - 3:00pm	Keynote Speech II Huanming Yang, CAS and BGI, Chi				
3:00 - 3:30pm		Coffee Break			
3:30 - 5:30pm	S4: Genomics & Genomic Analyses	Stephen C Peiper Pak Sham Tin-Lap Lee Hannah Hong Xue Selected Abstract Presentation			

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5:30 - 6:30pm	Poster Session I	

10 June 2008, Tuesday

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9:30 - 10:30am		offee Break		
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	S9: Medical Genetics II	Gregory A Grabowski Nelson Tang Sau-Wai Cheung Marilyn Li Ming Qi Selected Abstract Presentation		
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12:30pm - 1:45pm	Genzyme Lunch Seminar			
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Keynote Speech IV	Eric J Sampson , Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA, USA		

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3:30 - 5:30pm	S10: Clinical Genetics	Virginia Kimonis Tian-Jian Chen Xue Zhang Shujuan Song Selected Abstract Presentation		
	S11: Molecular Genetics	Jer-Yuarn Wu Yu-Lung Lau Calvin Pang Ivan FM Lo Selected Abstract Presentation		
	S12: Medical Genomics	James Lupski Bai-Lin Wu Peng Jin Biao Chen Selected Abstract Presentation		
7:30 - 9:30pm	Conference Banquet	in honor of Professor Yuet-Wai Kan		

11 June 2008, Wednesday

8:30 - 9:30am	Keynote Speech V	Aravinda Chakravarti, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, USA		
9:30 - 10:00am	_	Coffee Break		
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12:00 - 1:30pm	Societies of Human/Medical Genetics of the Pacific Rim (Moderator: Wai-Yee Chan, NICHD) HKSMG - Stephen Lam CSMG - Lin He ASHG - Aravinda Chakravarti ACGA - Min-Xin Guan					
1:30 - 2:30pm	Keynote Speech VI David Rimoin, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UCLA School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, USA					
2:30 - 3:00pm		Coffee Break				
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	S18: Stem Cells & Tissue Engineering	Rocky S Tuan Chi-Chung Hui Oscar K Lee Faye SY Tsang Bruce Lahn Selected Abstract Presentation				
5:00 - 6:00pm	Closing Ceremony	Paul Tam Bai-Lin Wu Stephen Lam Poster Award Presentation Presentation of gifts to major sponsors Acknowledgement of local organizers				

General Information

Venue

Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, The University of Hong Kong, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong.

Language

The official language of the Conference is English. There will be no provision of simultaneous translation.

Geography & Population

Hong Kong lies on the southern shore of China. In total area, Hong Kong covers just under 1,100 sq km, consisting essentially of Hong Kong Island (78 sq km), Kowloon peninsula (12 sq km), the New Territories and 235 outlying islands (980 sq km). With a population of about 7 million, Hong Kong is one of the most densely populated areas in the world. Nearly 98% of the population are Chinese. The official languages of Hong Kong are Chinese and English. Cantonese is the most widely spoken Chinese dialect. Most vendors speak some English.

Transportation

Hong Kong is easily accessible and served by direct passenger flights from all major cities around the world. The Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok is only 45 minutes' distance from most major hotels and shopping areas. The Airport Express train can take passengers to the central business district in 30 minutes.

Getting around in Hong Kong:

Fleets of taxis, buses, ferries and trams, complemented by the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) subway system, enable visitors to explore Hong Kong safely and easily.

Transportation to the conference venue:

Bus Routes (alight at Queen Mary Hospital, Pokfulam Road)

No. 4, 7, 37, 40, 40M, 46X, 71, 90B, 91, 94, 970, 970X, 973

Minibus Bus Routes (alight at Sassoon Road)

No. 8 (Baguio Villa ↔ Central), 28 (Baguio Villa ↔ Causeway Bay)

Climate

Hong Kong is in the sub-tropical region. The weather in June is typically warm. On average, temperature is 27°C (80.6°F), rainfall is around 12 mm/day, and relative humidity is 82%.

Currency

The currency of Hong Kong is the Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$). This is pegged to the US\$ at a rate of HK\$7.7-7.8 to US\$1.

General Information

Visas

British citizens or U.K. passport holders do not require visas. U.S. nationals only require visas for a visit exceeding one month. British Dependent Territories' Citizens, Commonwealth citizens and citizens from most Western European countries and Japan can stay in Hong Kong for up to three months without a visa. Visitors from certain Middle East and East European countries, as well as Taiwan, require visas. Delegates should check at relevant consulates, high commission or visa offices in advance of departure, or visit the website http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehtml/hkvisas_4.htm.

Voltage

The standard electric voltage is 220 Volts AC, 50 Hz.

Insurance

The organizers are not responsible for individual, medical, travel or personal insurance. Delegates are advised to purchase their own personal insurance policies.

Tours

A wide variety of pre-packaged or custom tours within Hong Kong and the region are available. You may contact our conference secretariat, China Travel Service (H.K.) (acga-hksmg@chinatravelevents.com), for information or enquiries.

Registration Form

HOW TO REGISTER:

- 1. ONLINE: http://www.chinatravelevents.com/cte/orm/ViewPublicRegForm.action?eventId=33
- POST: mail completed form to China Travel Service(HK) Limited, Suite 601-2, Wing On House,
 Toes Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. Paymant must be made by Bank Draft against any bank in Hong Kong.
- 3. FAX: fax completed form to (852) 2851 1426 or (852) 3547 6072 with payment authorization.

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* Telephone Fax			* E-mail			
ID or passport number					**	

B. Registration: (Please Das appropriate)

All registration include all scientific sessions, reception, coffee breakfast, lunch and conference banquet (exclude Student/Post-doctoral Fellow Registration)

Туре	on or before 1 April 2008	After 1 April 2008
Non-member	☐ HKD2,500/USD320	☐ HKD3,000/USD385
ACGA/HKSMG Member	☐ HKD2,100/USD270	☐ HKD2,500/USD320
Student/ Post-doctoral Fellow (A proof letter is required)	☐ HKD1,200/USD155	☐ HKD1,600/USD200

C. Concurrent Session:

09 June 2008	☐ Medical Genetics I	Developmental Genetics & Genomics	Cancer Genetics & Genomics
	☐ Genomic Medicine	☐ Mitochondrial Genetics	☐ Genetics Therapeutics
10 June 2008	☐ Reproductive Genetics	Prenatal & Pre-implantation Diagnosis	☐ Medical Genetics II
10 Julie 2006	☐ Clinical Genetics	☐ Molecular Genetics	☐ Medical Genomics
11 June 2008	Environment Gene Interaction	☐ Population Genetics	☐ Complex Disorders
	Grnomic Technologies in the Post Genomic Era	Genetics of Emerging Diseases	Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering

D. Additional Item:

Conference Banquet Ticket	HKD 700 /USD 90	X	Ticket(s) =	HKD / USD
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For Renminbi payment delegate, please contact the conference secretariat for payment method.

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There are many hotels near the conference venue. Our conference organizer, China Travel Service (H.K.), has reserved blocks of rooms in the following hotels. To reserve a room, please contact our conference secretariate (acga-hksmg@chinatravelevents.com)

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Contact number : +852 2131 1188

Address : 152 Connaught Road West,

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Contact number : +852 3410 3333

Address : 308 Des Voeux Road West,

Hong Kong SAR

Website : http://www.ramadahongkong.com/hk/

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College/Programme	Per Whole Function	CME/CPD Category - cat. 5.2	
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Gynaecologists			
Ophthalmologists	10	passive passive cat.A	
Pathologists	18		
Paediatricians	18		
Physicians	pending	-	
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