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The American Society of Human Genetics 57th Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA October 23-27, 2007 • San Diego Convention Center

Bethesda – October 3, 2007 - The international genetics community will be represented by more than 4,500 scientists, clinicians, counselors and other professionals visiting San Diego to attend the 57th annual meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) to be held at the San Diego Convention Center. Registrants will be attending symposia, workshops, platform and poster presentations, and other special sessions focusing on a variety of important research and clinical developments in human genetics—from updates in autism, bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, genes contributing to cardiovascular disease to the most recent breakthroughs in the pharmacology of genetic disorders and the explosion of knowledge from the use of Genome Wide Association (GWA) scans. Nearly 250 national and international exhibits will provide an unprecedented opportunity to view the latest advances in genetics-related products and services.

ASHG is committed not only to providing a venue for the leading human geneticists to share their cutting-edge research, but also to providing resources to ensure a genetically literate citizenry that can make informed decisions for their own health. Towards that end ASHG is holding an event to specifically educate employees both of the convention center and the Marriott to learn about human genetics. Additionally, the Society is coordinating a special opportunity for middle and high school students in the San Diego area. It is an interactive all-day workshop on Tuesday October 23, 2007 to be held at the Convention Center.

The Society has a special program for members of the press including five briefings - Pharmacogenomics, Ethical Issues in Genomic Screening, Genome-Wide Association Scans and Autoimmunity, Autism, and Treatment of Genetic Disorders.

For members of the press who would like to register for the meeting, please contact Jane Nelson, Media Relations, the American Society of Human Genetics, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814 Tele: 301-634-7308 (em: jnelson@ashg.org) Please visit the ASHG website to find out more information on the 57th Annual Meeting at www.ashg.org. During the meeting she can be reached at the San Diego Convention Center (619-525-6413).

