Human Genetics Researchers Convene at ASHG 2008

*Drug Discovery & Development*
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Scientists and clinicians in the human genetics field will gather in Philadelphia to present their latest research findings at the 58th Annual Meeting of The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) from Tuesday, November 11, through Saturday, November 15, 2008, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

Founded in 1948, ASHG is the primary professional membership organization for human genetics specialists worldwide, representing nearly 8,000 researchers, academicians, clinicians, genetic counselors, nurses and others with a special interest in this area. The Society’s Annual Meeting is the world's largest gathering of human genetics professionals and a forum for renowned experts in the field.

The technical program features more than 286 platform and plenary presentations, 2,329 posters, 26 invited sessions, and special symposia on developments in human genetics and genomics research. Nearly 250 exhibitors will display the latest advances in genetics-related products and services. The Presidential Symposium, “Human Genome Stories” features presentations from four invited speakers, including Craig Venter, PhD, founder of The Institute for Genomic Research, who played a central role in the race to map the human genome.

The Presidential Address, “Principia Genetica: Our Future Science” will be presented by the current president of ASHG, Aravinda Chakravarti, PhD, Johns Hopkins University Medical School.

**Event Details**
**Schedule of Events**