

Dear APHMG Colleagues:

On behalf of the [APHMG Council](#), I invite you to join us for the 17th Annual APHMG Workshop at Kiawah Island, South Carolina from Wednesday evening, May 4, 2011 through Friday, May 6, 2011. Like previous years, we are looking forward to a stimulating and productive meeting.

The annual workshop provides a forum for informative and stimulating discussion through which we share experiences and learn from each other in a relaxed atmosphere with plenty of time for networking and socializing. The Council has organized a stimulating program. We are finalizing a scientific session focusing on exome sequencing and clinical applications. Other sessions will deal with innovative teaching approaches, one dealing with metrics and measurements that can be used in training and the other on novel technology innovations for education. The final titles and speakers for these stimulating sessions will be posted on the APHMG website within the next two weeks.

In addition, there will be time set aside for sessions of our affiliated special interest groups. The Medical Genetics Residency Program Directors Group will meet Wednesday, May 4, from 8 am - 4:30 pm. Separate (non-overlapping) time has been set aside for the Medical School Course Directors, Laboratory Training Program Directors and the Graduate School Program Directors to meet during the two day meeting.

On Thursday afternoon, two group activities will be offered. One is a bus trip to Charleston, South Carolina, including a short walking tour and plenty of time for independent exploration of this beautiful, historic, city. The second is a biking/nature/team "competition" (in the loosest sense of the word) at Kiawah Island. Details are posted on the website. It is for all levels and ages, entails a short bike ride, a team building competition that is being tailored just for our group, introduction to the flora and fauna of Kiawah Island, and just plain fun. We realize that the second adventure is a bit pricey; but it will definitely prove to be a special adventure and we hope many of you will sign up.

I am looking forward to a stimulating, enjoyable and productive meeting, and I hope you are able to join us in this ideal setting! Please register online at www.APHMG.org soon.

Sincerely,

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