ISCN: Call for Nominations

The International System for Human Cytogenetics Nomenclature (ISCN) Standing Committee is a committee of clinical cytogeneticists that reviews and revises the nomenclature used to communicate the results of banded chromosomes, FISH and other molecular cytogenetic assays such as microarrays. A new committee needs to be elected for the next 5-year period 2012–2017. Those current members eligible for re-election through nomination are Myriam Chaabouni, Yoshimitsu Fukushima, Prochi Madon, Nils Mandahl, Kathleen Rao, Carla Rosenberg, and Marilyn Slovak. In 2005, the Committee adopted changes to its membership structure to include 3 cytogeneticists from North America, 3 from Europe, 2 from Asia, and 1 each from South America, Africa and Australia/New Zealand/Oceania. Because of the expense involved in convening a large group of individuals, the committee has been further revised to include 3 cytogeneticists from the Americas (North and South America), 3 from Europe, 1 from Asia, and 1 representing Africa/Australia/New Zealand/Oceania.

Nominations for membership should include their name, affiliation, postal address, and e-mail address, and should be e-mailed to Michael Schmid (m.schmid@biozentrum.uni-wuerzburg.de), representing the ISCN publisher, Karger, before October 1, 2011. Ballots for voting also can be requested from Dr. Schmid, and complete ballots should be faxed to Dr. Lisa Shaffer, current Chair and co-editor of the ISCN, on or before November 15, 2011. Fax completed ballots to +1 509 944 4297.

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