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To: GAW Mailing List
From: Laura Almasy & Jean MacCluer
Re: GAW17 data release and meeting updates

GAW17 Data

The GAW17 mini-exome data set is complete and has been sent out on CDs to all groups who have previously submitted a request form. We apologize for the extraordinarily late release of the data and we are working to make what accommodations we can to give you as much time as possible to analyze it. If you are in the US, CDs have been sent by priority mail. For participants outside the US, CDs were sent by express delivery.

The README included on the CD will be posted on the GAW web site and on the GAW17 online discussion forum described below. The 'answers' describing the simulating model will be posted on the online forum in a password protected PDF. Groups who officially request the 'answers' will be given the password for this PDF. (Email Vanessa Olmo at vanessa@business-endeavors.com to obtain this password.)

GAW17 Online Discussion Forum

We have set up an online site for GAW17 FAQs and for pre-meeting discussion. It is our hope that the online forum will facilitate the discussion group process. We will set up areas on the discussion forum for various topics and questions that might be addressed with the GAW17 data. If each participant will choose the topic most appropriate for what they are working on and post a brief summary of their analysis plans, it is our hope that participants will be able to compare and contrast their analysis plans from the very beginning and perhaps coordinate to promote synergy among the group. For example, by agreeing to include analyses of particular traits or particular replicates in the data set to make results from different investigators more directly comparable.

It's important for you to login to the online forum to check out the discussion topics available there. When you submit your GAW17 contribution, you will be asked to choose one of a list of discussion topics. Potential topics that get no online discussion may be eliminated as options. So, please, if there's a topic you're interested in, post something to that page, even if it's just a declaration of interest. Also, if you would like to suggest additional discussion topics, there will be a forum page for that too.

To obtain a login for the forum, go to the forum page:

www.gaworkshop.org/forum

and click the 'register' link, which will allow you to set up a user name and password. Your registration will need to be verified, and then activated, by Vanessa before you can use the forum. She will compare the email address you provide to the forum web site against the list of email addresses on GAW17 data request forms. Thus, you will only be granted access to the online forum if you have signed a GAW17 data request or are otherwise involved in workshop organization.

(For those who remember the online wiki from GAW16, we are using a new format for the online discussion this year that we think will be substantially more user friendly and better organized.)

To promote use of the forum for group discussion, everyone who posts on a discussion group page or on the page suggesting a new discussion topic before the end of July will be entered into a drawing and one person will be awarded free registration for GAW17.

GAW17 Deadlines

In recognition of the late release of the data, we are pushing back the contribution deadline for GAW17 as far as practically possible.

20 SEPTEMBER: Early registration and hotel reservation deadline. Registration fees go up by \$75 after this date.

22 SEPTEMBER: Individual contributions and student travel award nominations due. Contributions may be no longer than 5 pages and will be submitted via a web site. We will send out instructions for how to upload them later in the summer.

29 SEPTEMBER: You will receive confirmation of your discussion group assignment and student travel award winners will be notified.

After group assignments are made, the volume of pre-workshop contributions will be posted as a PDF on the discussion forum. Due to the tight timeline, and also to promote a 'greener' GAW, we will not be distributing printed versions of the volume.

Student Travel Awards:

Any graduate student or post-doc who is the first author on a GAW17 contribution is eligible for a travel award. These scholarships will provide funds toward registration, lodging, and travel costs. As we expect travel costs will be higher for those coming from farther away, awards will be \$900 for trainees from the US or Canada and \$1100 for trainees from outside the US or Canada. We anticipate that we will be able to make approximately 40 awards. If we receive more applications than there are scholarships available, awardees will be selected at random from all eligible applications. To apply, email a letter of nomination from the trainee's mentor to Vanessa Olmo (vanessa@business-endeavors.com) with "GAW17 student travel award nomination" in the subject line.

Meeting details:

GAW17 will be held October 13-16 in Boston. October 13th will be discussion group meetings. These will begin in the morning, so plan to arrive in Boston on the 12th if you will not already be there for the IGES meeting. Each contribution will be assigned to a discussion group and a representative of the paper must be present at the group discussion on the 13th for the paper to be eligible for publication in the GAW17 proceedings. Sessions for different discussion groups will run concurrently, so it may not be possible for one attendee to be the representative for multiple papers if they are assigned to different discussion groups. Please plan to have a representative for each paper in your group.

If you have been an active participant in the online forum for a particular discussion group, you will have preference for assignment to that group. It is our hope that much discussion can go on online even before contributions are submitted, while people are still forming their plans and running their analyses. In making group assignments, we will aim to make sure that participants who have already been actively engaged in discussing a particular topic are assigned to the discussion group for that topic.

General sessions with presentation of discussion group results will be held October 14-15. A wrap-up session will be held the morning of the 16th to discuss plans for publication of the GAW17 proceedings and to solicit your feedback on format and topics for GAW18. The meeting will end at noon on the 16th.

Meeting Registration:

Online registration will be available through Cvent in the next few weeks. A direct link from the GAW website will be available as soon as registration opens, and an email blast will be sent to all GAW17 data recipients announcing the registration process.

Registration will be \$445 for students and post-docs and \$495 for faculty. This includes breakfast on all days, an opening reception on the 13th, lunch on the 14th and 15th, and the banquet on the 15th. You will also be able to purchase additional meal tickets for accompanying persons. Only major credit cards will be accepted for payment (mastercard, visa, american express).



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