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HIGHLIGHTS - CITY & VENUE

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to host the 13th Human Genome Meeting in India. We extend a warm invitation to all the genomics researchers to participate in this meeting at Hyderabad between 27th and 30th of September 2008.

This meeting is special as HUGO turns 20 in 2008. It has amply served its mandate, making the genome sequence an open source being the major landmark that has catalysed genomics research in the world including developing nations. This is also a time to forecast the future direction of genomics research in the exciting times of personalised genome sequencing throwing its share of surprises. In this context, the genetic diversity of Indian population provides a unique resource for delineating complex disease aetiology and pathogenesis.

We invite professional companies to showcase their products to Genomics researchers from all over the world through sponsorship and exhibition stalls during the meeting. It will also be our privilege to receive proposals for satellite meetings from anyone wishing to hold such meetings in association with HGM 2008.

We invite you to a great meeting and offer a substantial slice of the diversity of India. We look forward to your active participation to make this a very memorable HGM2008.

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Incredible India

Welcome to incredible India, where culture echoes, tradition speaks, beauty enthalls and diversity delights. India is one of the world's oldest civilizations and also the world's largest democracy and has made stupendous progress among developing nations. India's impressive variety of history and culture, harmoniously blend to form a unique atmosphere. India possesses an amazing wealth of sights and sounds, tastes and textures. This is one land where the ancient and the modern co-exist. Conferences here bring fresh meaning of the concept of combining work with pleasure.

Hyderabad - The Pearl City

Hyderabad, the fifth largest metropolis of India, is the state capital of Andhra Pradesh, located in the southern part of India. The city is famous for its Charminar, the Salar Jung Museum, minarets, royal palaces, ancient forts and pearls and is also a fast growing science and technology hub of India. Direct International flights to Hyderabad are operated by Air India, Lufthansa, Malaysian Airlines, Emirates Airlines and Sri Lankan Airlines. It is also well connected to other ports of entry like Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata by domestic airlines.

Conference Venue - Hyderabad International Convention Centre (HICC)

HICC, the new convention centre at Hyderabad, is a world class, state-of-the-art venue. It offers facilities that are comparable to the best in the world. It has been conceived, designed and created to handle several parallel sessions, both large and small, with seating capacity varying from 50 to 5000 people. HICC is located about 15 kilometers from the airport and 10 kilometers from the railway station.

