Call for nomination of members of The International Standing Committee of Human Cytogenetic Nomenclature 2006–2011

The present Committee [Lynda Campbell, Christine Harrison, David Ledbetter, Albert Schinzel, Lisa Shaffer, Niels Tommerup (Chair) and Angela Vianna Morgante] was elected in 2001 at the Tenth International Congress of Human Genetics in Vienna. A new Committee needs to be elected for the next five year period 2006–2011. David Ledbetter, Niels Tommerup and Angela Vianna Morgante have served for the allowed two periods and cannot be re-elected. The Committee has adopted changes to its membership structure for the future which includes expansion of the number of members from seven to eleven to reflect better representation of the geographic distribution of cytogeneticists. The number of members of the new Committee will be three from North America, three from Europe, two from Asia, and one each from South-America, Africa, and Australia/New Zealand/Oceania. To facilitate continuity, the chairman of the new Committee will be elected by the old Committee amongst those who can serve for a second period. Lisa Shaffer, USA, has been elected as the new chairman for the 2006–2011 Committee and therefore does not appear on the ballot.

To simplify the voting procedure, and facilitate voting also by those not attending the International Congress of Human Genetics, the voting shall be by email or fax, so that the new Committee will have been elected prior to the Eleventh International Congress of Human Genetics in Brisbane, August 2006. Nominations for candidates including their name, affiliation, postal address and email address should be mailed to the secretary of the chairman at elin@imbg.ku.dk before February 15, 2006, after which the list of candidates will be published with the call for voting. Likewise, ballots for voting can be requested from the secretary at elin@imbg.ku.dk after February 15, 2006, by including your name, affiliation, postal address, email and fax. The ballots with voting procedures will then be emailed or faxed after April 1, 2006 to the requested address. All ballots must be received by the secretary on or before July 1, 2006 so that they can be counted before the August meeting. Instructions for returning the ballots will accompany the ballot requests.