

ANNOUNCEMENT

New Professional Association for Genetic Metabolic Nutrition Professionals

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The founding members of Genetic Metabolic Dietitians, International (GMDI) announce the formation of this new, international professional association for genetic metabolic nutrition specialists and other health care practitioners interested in the nutritional management of patients with genetic metabolic disorders.

Through membership in GMDI, genetic metabolic practitioners will identify the current and future education and practice needs and participate in a variety of forums for specialized training and development of standards of practice in this highly specialized field. Membership will also provide opportunities for research, networking, and peer support.

Full membership to GMDI is available to dietitians who maintain professionally recognized certification from their country of residence (e.g., RD in the United States) who provide nutrition services to persons with genetic metabolic disorders. Other membership categories are available, including associate membership for non-RD health care professionals interested in metabolic nutrition and student membership for those enrolled in accredited training programs in this field.

The First Annual Genetic Metabolic Dietitian, International Nutrition Conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, Thursday, April 27 through Saturday, April 29, 2006. This meeting will showcase issues in newborn screening, clinical management of genetic metabolic diseases, and provide interactive, hands-on opportunities for dietitians new in the field and those desiring more advanced level experiences. Abstracts for poster sessions and applications for scholarship

funding are being accepted. **Note: The abstract submission deadline has been extended until March 20. Accepted abstracts will be notified by March 27.** Attached is the GMDI conference brochure and insert. Please encourage any Fellows, nurses, or genetic counselors working with metabolic patients in your clinics to attend this meeting by sharing this information.

For any additional information, please visit the GMDI website at www.gmdi.org or contact GMDI Founding President, Rani H. Singh, PhD, RD, at rborlaza@genetics.emory.edu