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RE: The McKusick Short Course

Dear Loyal:

I am writing on behalf of the organizers of the venerable McKusick Short Course which will celebrate its 60th anniversary in July 2019. We are pleased that you will be a lecturer in the upcoming course and that we will expand your role by asking that, in addition to your lecture, you also organize and lead an afternoon workshop on single cell RNA sequence methods and analysis and the CZI Human Cell Atlas data. We expect that you will emphasize how these data and methods will be useful in understanding the genetic basis of human disease.

As you know, the McKusick Short Course is an intense 2-week coverage of basic and clinical genetics that involves morning lectures, afternoon workshops and state of the art evening lectures by world renown geneticists. The faculty of the Short Course is comprised of about 1/3rd Johns Hopkins faculty, 1/3rd JAX faculty and 1/3rd guest faculty. The student body numbers about 120 and is comprised of pre- and post-doctoral level students, academics of all ranks and a small number of individuals from the private sector.

In addition to our “in-person” students, the Short Course is now available online, greatly increasing our reach and uptake.

Your past contributions to the Short Course have been highly appreciated and your topics are extremely timely; hence, our willingness to expand your exposure in the course. sGood luck with your CZI application and we eagerly look forward to your contributions to the 60th annual McKusick Short Course!

Best regards,

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