

APRIL 08, 2010

Mohamoud Jibrell Named HHMI's Vice President, Information Technology

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) today announced that Mohamoud Jibrell has been named as its next Vice President, Information Technology.

"Mohamoud brings a wealth of experience to HHMI as a leader in information technology within the non-profit sector," said Robert Tjian, president of HHMI. "He brings vision, as well as a demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively across a distributed organization."

Jibrell joins HHMI from the Ford Foundation in New York where he served as chief technology officer with global responsibility for IT operations in 13 locations. Over his seven-year tenure at Ford, he led major initiatives to streamline the foundation's IT operations, in addition to the development and implementation of new enterprise-wide systems to support its worldwide grant-making activities. These efforts included implementation of a strategic plan, the integration of global information technology infrastructure and the consolidation of application systems into a single facility.

"Mohamoud brings a wealth of experience to
HHMI as a leader in information technology
within the non-profit sector."

- Robert Tjian

As chief information officer and director of information technology for the Washington, D.C.-based American Psychiatric Association from 2001-2002, Jibrell led a major realignment of the systems that support the APA's publishing and other activities. He also has extensive experience in the manufacturing sector and held positions in information technology and product management with the Thermo King Corp., a division of the Ingersoll-Rand Co., that manufactures heating and cooling systems, from

1992-2001. From 1998-2001, he was a global product manager with responsibility for a line of bus air conditioning systems manufactured in the U.S., Czech Republic, China, and Brazil.

Trained as a mechanical engineer with a bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., Jibrell began his career as an engineer with the Otis Elevator Co., a subsidiary of United Technologies Corp., in Farmington, Conn. He was born in Somalia and moved to the U.S. as a teenager. He lives in Vienna, Virginia with his wife Teha and their three children.

Jibrell serves on the board of Samasource, a non-profit organization that leverages the power of the internet to provide paying work to marginalized people, including refugees and disadvantaged women around the world. He is also a member of the board of XBRL US, Inc., a non-profit consortium that supports business reporting standards in the United States through the adoption of XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language).

###

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute plays a powerful role in advancing scientific research and education in the United States. Its scientists, located across the country and around the world, have made important discoveries that advance both human health and our fundamental understanding of biology. The Institute also aims to transform science education into a creative, interdisciplinary endeavor that reflects the excitement of real research.