Recently Published Papers and Articles

The current issue of Nature magazine is featuring work by the Genome Sequencing Center in a section called The Chimpanzee Genome. Also, some of the people from Elaine Mardis’ and Rick Wilson’s labs were authors on a companion paper in the same issue, with David Page’s lab at MIT on the chimp Y chromosome comparison to human Y.

Three articles from the issue (The chimpanzee genome, Timeline: A brief history of chimp, and News & Views: The chimpanzee and us) may be found at: http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v437/n7055/index.html#The-Chimpanzee-Genome


Congratulations, Best Wishes, and Welcome!

• Congratulations to Rob Mitra and his wife — a new baby girl (a first, joining three sons), Naya Jasmin Mitra, arrived healthy on August 4.

• Best wishes to Fredrik Bäckhed and Helene Kling who were wed in Sweden on August 6.

• CGS staffer Jon Armstrong is getting married on the 4th of September to Amanda Horvath.

• Congratulations to Jeong-Ho Kim on his appointment as Research Assistant Professor at the University of Mississippi. Jeong-Ho, who spent a productive five years in the Johnston lab studying glucose sensing in yeast, took on his new position in July. We wish him success.

• Welcome to Jeff Sabina, who joined the CGS in August as a postdoctoral fellow. Jeff did his thesis work on tRNA modification in the lab of Dieter Soll at Yale. Stop by and introduce yourself (he’s in the bay with Linda Riles).

• Haoyi Wang got married (twice!) in China several months ago.

• Paul Cliften moved on in June from the analysis group in the CGS to take a faculty position at Utah State University in Logan Utah.

• Mark Johnston competed Aug. 20-21 in the club championship at Gateway National Golf Links (the club he “belongs to” in tony E. St. Louis...). He failed to defend his 2004 title as “B” flight champion because he played well enough to qualify for the “A” flight, where, much to his surprise (and relief), he didn’t humiliate himself, finishing in the middle of that rarefied pack.

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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

A new recycle drum — courtesy of ISCBioExpress — for #5 plastics (e.g., pipette tip boxes) is in the 5th floor corridor between rooms 5501 and...
5041. Please deposit generously and often, but please avoid placing unacceptable items such as plastic soda bottles (usually recyclable #1 and 2) in the same receptacle. If even one item in the bin is not #5, the bin is considered “contaminated” and none of the items will be recycled and will instead be put out as regular trash for landfill.

Also, a number of new paper recycling bins have been placed in the CGS corridors, and near several lab printers. A listing of the types of paper that may be accepted is posted on or near each bin. Again, please give generously! If you’d like a personal cardboard recycling bin for paper, please contact Laura Kyro (Room 5503).

That’s a Load of WHOI!

- **Ruth Ley**, CGS Instructor, wasn’t in St. Louis much in late July or early August as she was busy participating in a two-week Marine Biological Laboratories workshop held at Wood’s Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) in Massachusetts.

The July 25th–August 5th workshop focused on phylogenetics and population genetics. “It was a mix of theory and practice, with a lot of hands-on work with the people who created the software,” said Ruth.

According to Ruth, it was good for her to attend this workshop because, “this was a very practical course on how to deal with sequences, and the kind of information you can glean from them. In the Gordon lab we’re starting to get a lot of sequence information from the gut, and many of these bacteria are related. A number of people in lab here are interested in whether there is selection pressure on molecules and on evolutionary relationships between the different bacteria being sequenced. This workshop presented available tools for answering those kinds of questions.”

For more information on the workshop and how that information may be applied to work currently proceeding within the Gordon lab, please contact Ruth.

- **Victoria Brown-Kennerly** and **Jessie Sexton** spent much of August at WHOI as well, learning the latest techniques for working with **Candida** at a course there.

The CGS Expands!

In early July a new division of the CGS was officially formed. The **Division of Statistical Genomics** — a group of approximately 18 people led by **Ingrid Borecki** and **Mike Province** — will eventually be moving to the 6th floor of the 4444 Forest Park Building. A description of the purpose and activities of the Division will be provided in the next issue of the Genome Gazette. Please note that the September 8th Genetics Department Research Talk features Michael Province.

New to the CGS – Welcome!

**Chris Stephenson** has joined the CGS as of August 25. A Sophomore at WU, studying biomedical engineering, Chris is a work-study addition who will be working here part-time throughout the school year and perhaps into next summer (he hopes!). His responsibilities while here will include assisting **Brian Loyal** and working on sequencing and ways to sequence. He will also be executing other engineering projects for **Rob Mitra** as they come up.

In his free time, Chris is a member of the WU a capella group, After Dark. He also likes to play piano and trumpet. Stop by and say hello to Chris in Rob Mitra’s area on the 4th floor (down the spiral staircase in break room #5511), or e-mail him at Crs3@cec.wustl.edu.

Security Seminar — September 9

Do you feel safe when traversing the Washington University Medical School campus? Are there security issues on campus you’d like to be more aware of? A security issues seminar will be held on **Friday, September 9, 2–3 p.m. in the classroom (#5206)** on the 5th floor of the 4444 Forest Park building. WUSM Protective Services representatives will be on hand for a presentation and to answer questions. **Attendance is strongly encouraged.** The first seminar, held September 1, was very well attended.

Y’all Come Now, Y’ hear?

**Jung Duk Oh**, “Impact of Chronic Atrophic Gastritis on Helicobacter pylori Pathogenesis.” Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 p.m., 4444 Forest Park Building, Room 5206.

**Joseph Edward Ippolito**, “A Functional Metabolomics Approach to Prostate and Neuroendocrine Carcinogenesis.” Friday, September 16, 1:00 p.m., McDonnell Sciences Building, Room 823.

New Fax Form Available

A new Fax Cover Sheet has been designed for use by those in the CGS. A folder of printed, blank sheets is presently available next to the fax machine at the entrance to the CGS, to be filled out by hand prior to sending. However, an electronic copy (PDF format) of the form is available that may be filled out on screen, printed out, ready to fax. If you wish to have a copy of this PDF file e-mailed to you, please contact lkryro@wustl.edu. The form will also be available from a staff-only section of the CGS website, currently under development.

Articles, News, Information Needed!

To have information included in the October issue of the Genome Gazette, contact Laura Kyro (Room 5503, 362-2108) or lkryro@wustl.edu.

**Mea Culpa**: A correction from the last issue of the Genome Gazette: soon to join the CGS is Howard Mcleod and his lab.

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