

Top News

Four of the LMU applications for research clusters have successfully passed the preselection process in the national excellence initiative. In the current round, the Gene Center contributes mainly to the application “Munich Center for Integrated Protein Science” but is also involved in the “Nanosystems Initiative Munich” and the proposed “Graduate School of Science” and the “Center for Advanced Photon Science.” Final results are expected for late summer.

Science

Tenure-track Professor in Organismic Biochemistry

Klaus Foerstemann, currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Massachusetts Medical School, has received the offer for a tenure-track position at the Gene Center. Klaus Foerstemann works on the molecular biology of gene regulatory microRNAs using *Drosophila* as a model organism.

BioImaging Network (BIN) founded

Several LMU groups that use and develop bioimaging technologies have joined forces and founded the BioImaging Network Munich (BIN). BIN receives funding from the LMU-Innovative initiative and will strengthen research and teaching in the areas of structural biology, single-molecule imaging, advanced light microscopy, cell imaging, and intravital microscopy.

GBM-Award for best PhD thesis

Hubert Kettenberger, a former PhD student at the Gene Center, has received this years GBM-Promotionspreis from the German association for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Events

Annual Retreat 2006

All scientific staff should plan to participate in this year's annual retreat at Wildbad-Kreuth on May 19-21, 2006. Members of the Scientific Advisory Board and the chancellor of the LMU will be present. The organizers are D. Niessing, K. Sträßer, and P. Fulde.

EU/BIN Workshop on DNA repair

On July 20-21, a workshop on the mechanisms of DNA repair will take place at the Gene Center. The workshop is mainly funded by the EU and is organized by Karl-Peter Hopfner.

The Gene Center - a place in the land of ideas

On August 3, a big event for the general public will be organized at the Gene Center within the German image campaign “Land der Ideen” that accompanies this year's world championship. At 5 pm there will be presentations, music and a discussion with invited guests, followed by a summer party from 8 pm onwards.

Conference on molecular systems biology

On July 31-August 4, this conference will take place at the LMU Biocenter. Information can be obtained from E. Mendoza at <mailto:mendoza@lmu.de>