

Gene Center Newsletter June 2006

Open day on August 3, 2006

As part of the German image campaign “Land of ideas” we celebrate an open day at the Gene Center. At 1 pm we start with introductions by the Bavarian prime minister E. Stoiber and the LMU-Rector B. Huber. From 2 pm there will be tours of the labs. At 3-5 pm, scientific presentations will follow. At 5 pm we a panel discussion will address the future of life science research. We conclude with a summer party in a Bierzelt next to the institute. Details will soon be online at www.LMB.uni-muenchen.de. Please spread the news and invite all interested.

Klaus Foerstemann new tenure-track Professor

Klaus Foerstemann accepted the offer for a tenure-track Professorship in Organismic Biochemistry and will start to set up his group at the Gene Center in September 2006. After his return from the US, Klaus will continue to work on the miRNA pathway in *Drosophila*.

General secretary

Birgit Mewes will retire by the end of June. We are grateful for all her excellent work serving the Gene Center community. We welcome her successor, Claudine Voelcker, who joins us from the Technical University of Munich.

Annual retreat and positive feedback of the Advisory Board

At this year’s retreat, one hundred students, postdocs, and group leaders discussed the ongoing projects. Two members of the Advisory Board evaluated the scientific progress at the Center. They provided positive feedback to the Chancellor of the LMU, Thomas May. In particular, the idea of extending Organismic Biochemistry at the Gene Center was strongly supported.

Image Brochure

Our new image brochure “Gene Center Munich – Research and Education for the Life Sciences” has now been distributed. We thank everybody who helped to prepare the brochure, which for the first time provides an overview of the Gene Center activities. You can order brochures at genecenter@lmb.uni-muenchen.de.

Wireless internet

Access-points of the Leibniz-Rechenzentrum are now active at the Gene Center. More information can be found at <http://www.lrz-muenchen.de/services/netz/mobil>.

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.

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 mendoza@lmu.de

Annual Retreat 2007

The next annual retreat will be on May 11-13, 2007 in Wildbad-Kreuth. Please mark your agendas.