



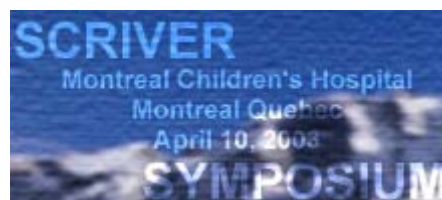
Your Newsletter is Back!

After a 6-month break, the CGDN newsletter is back! This new version will be published bi-monthly, meaning that the next issue will come out in January 2003. If you have news or items of interest (awards, photographs, recent publications, job postings) that you would like to share with the CGDN community, please email them to dsas@cgdn.ca.

News and Announcements

Annual General Meeting

The 12th Annual Scientific Meeting of the CGDN will be held May 15 –18 at the Kananaskis Mountain Lodge in Kananaskis, Alberta. Information about this meeting will be sent shortly.



Free Courier Costs for CGDN Members

The CGDN is now covering the costs for CGDN member labs (principal investigators and scholars) to courier samples to CGDN core facilities. This will be handled the same way as any expense claim submitted by our PIs for other expense; after sending samples to the lab (you have to pay initially) just submit the courier waybills (indicating the sender and recipient labs) to us for repayment.

CGDN Welcomes 6 New Members!

The management and membership of the CGDN would like to welcome 6 new members to our community. These exceptional researchers successfully competed in the latest investigator competition. Joining the network as Principal Investigators are Moira Glerum (UAlberta), Elise Heon (UToronto), Wyeth Wasserman (UBC), and Eric Shoubbridge (McGill). Daniel Sinnett (UMontreal) and Sylvia Vidal (UOttawa) join the network as Associate Investigators.

Scriver MD/PhD Scholarships Awarded to Six Canadian Students

The Canadian Gene Cure Foundation (CGCF), the CIHR Institute of Genetics (IG) and the Canadian Genetic Diseases Network (CGDN) are pleased to announce that 6 students have been awarded the Scriver MD/PhD Scholarship. More information for the Scriver MD/PhD Scholarships can be obtained on the CGDN website at <http://www.cgdn.generes.ca/>.

Administrative Notes

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms

We are currently in the process of filing the network's conflict of interest report to the NCE. Your disclosure forms are important for our report. Investigators should have received an email from Dean Sas, providing instructions on how to complete the conflict of interest disclosure. If you have any questions, be sure to contact Dean at dsas@cgdn.generes.ca.

Bioinformatics Bursaries for Network Members

CGDN is pleased to offer a \$500 discount towards the registration fee for Bioinformatics workshop participants from CGDN-supported labs. To qualify for this bursary, members should identify themselves as a network member at the time of application.

Bursaries for Graduate Students

In partnership with the Burroughs Wellcome Fund, we are pleased to offer a number of bursaries to qualifying graduate students who enroll in a Canadian Bioinformatics Workshop. Graduate students who are completing their first year of an M.Sc. or the first or second year of a Ph.D are eligible to apply at <http://www.bioinformatics.ca/bursaries.php>.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Chasing the Cure – 2 CGDN Investigators Featured in Health Documentary

Two Network Scientists, Brenda Gallie and Micheal Hayden, are featured in an upcoming documentary series that will air on the Discovery Health Channel. The series, entitled "Chasing the Cure", provides intimate portraits of four prominent Canadian scientists, and focuses on both their scientific discoveries as well as their personal stories. You can watch Michael Hayden on Thursday November 7 at 8pm ET. Brenda Gallie will be featured on Thursday November 28 at 8pm ET.

Scriver Scientific Symposium and Dinner

The Drs. Walter, Jessie Boyd, and Charles Scriver Scientific Symposium and Dinner will be held on April 10, 2003. The Symposium will take place at the Montreal Children's Hospital, and will feature several invited speakers from both the Network and from the scientific community at large. A no-host dinner, chaired by Arnold Steinberg, will take place at the Omni Mont-Royale Hotel.

Bioinformatics Workshop, February 17 – March 1, Vancouver, BC

This two-week workshop is the starting point for hands-on instruction in the use and development of software tools for genomic and computational biology research. Interested candidates should apply online by December 6 - <http://www.bioinformatics.ca/apply.php>.

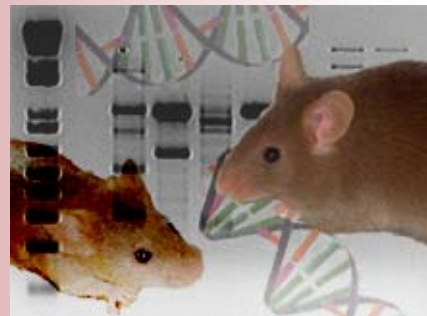
TECHNOLOGY SPOTLIGHT

Transgenic Mouse Core Facility

The transgenic core facility was established to provide all CGDN investigators with appropriate access to the development of new transgenic mice".

Blair Leavitt, Director

The CGDN Transgenic Core Facility produces transgenic mice based on DNA-based constructs (cDNA, BAC, or YACs) supplied by the CGDN investigator. For each DNA-based construct the CGDN Transgenic Core facility technicians will initially perform pronuclear microinjection on three hundred embryos to produce founder mice. Multiple rounds of construct microinjections can be performed if required. Facility technicians are fully trained and have an excellent record of success producing transgenic mice. CGDN investigators who are interested in producing transgenic mice are encouraged to send their constructs to the Transgenic Core Facility, and can be assured of the rapid and successful generation of transgenic mice for their research.



Postings and Messages

Postdoctoral Positions in Neurogenetics

Postdoctoral positions are available at the University of British Columbia, Department of Medical Genetics, to work on mapping human genes involved in neurodevelopmental disorders, including dyslexia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and autism. Applicants should have a PhD in Genetics and/or MD with specialization in Genetics, Neurology or Psychiatry. Previous experience in human gene mapping, molecular genetics, bioinformatics or statistical genetic analysis is preferred. Positions may be wet lab or computer-analysis oriented, with remuneration dependent on qualifications (range \$33-43,000 CDN). Live in one of the world's most beautiful cities! Please send (by fax or email) CV, with names and email addresses of 3 references, to Dr. L. Leigh Field, BC Research Institute for Children's and Women's Health, 950 W28 Ave., Vancouver, BC, V5Z 4H4 Canada, fax 604-875-3120, email: llfield@interchange.ubc.ca Applications accepted until positions filled.