

## Gene Center Newsletter March 2005

### Top News

The Scientific Advisory Board for the Gene Center has now been established. The SAB will advise in scientific and strategic matters, and will evaluate progress at the center. The following leading scientists have agreed to participate so far: N. Ban (Professor, ETH Zürich), A. Lamond (Professor, University of Dundee), R. Lührmann (Managing Director, MPI Göttingen), and I. Mattaj (Director General Elect, EMBL Heidelberg).

### Science

#### Focusing research at the LMU

The Gene Center participates in three proposals within a program to focus research at the LMU. The proposals are in the fields of Bioimaging, Development and Regenerative medicine, and Proteomics. All proposals integrate efforts at different faculties and aim at the establishment of new research groups, including two at the Gene Center.

#### SFB 646 secretary

We welcome Sabine Hoerske, secretary of the new SFB “Regulatory networks in genome expression and maintenance.” Her email address is [sfb646@lmb.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:sfb646@lmb.uni-muenchen.de). The SFB office is located in room 3.04 at the Gene Center.

### Teaching

#### Professorship to M. Meisterernst

Based on his strong contributions to research and teaching at the Gene Center, Dr. Michael Meisterernst has received a Professorship (Apl.-Prof.) from the faculty of chemistry and pharmacology. Michael is head of gene expression at the neighboring institute GSF.

#### Deputyships

Dr. Andreas Hochheimer and Dr. Stefan Weiss have been appointed to six-months deputyships and will act as teaching Professors from April to September 2005. Andreas has been a postdoc with R. Tjian at Berkeley University, USA. Stefan is a group leader at the Gene Center.

#### New practical course

The new practical course in biochemistry has been launched as part of the new BSc course “Chemistry and Biochemistry.” Almost 200 students participate in the new course this spring. The course has been restructured and coordinated by Dr. H. Feldmann. New equipment and a balanced set of experiments ensure successful teaching.

### Events

#### 1<sup>st</sup> International symposium

On October 14, 2005 the SFB646 and the Gene Center organize an international symposium. Details will be announced soon. Please mark your agendas!

#### Tag der offenen Tür on campus

The Gene Center will participate in a “Tag der offenen Tür” on campus on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005. This event includes the celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Biotech Innovation Center (IZB).

### Muenchner Wissenschaftstage @ BuGa 2005

As last year, the Gene Center participates in the Muenchner Wissenschaftstage. This year's event will be on "Licht und Leben" and will take place at the Bundesgartenschau on September 22-25, 2005.

### Gene Center Annual Retreat

The annual retreat of the Gene Center will take place on May 20-22 in Wildbad-Kreuth.

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