

## Gene Center Newsletter July 2007

### **Seminar by Nobel laureate G. Blobel**

On Tuesday 10 July at 5 pm we will have a special seminar organized jointly by the ENB PhD program "Proteins in health and disease" and the Gene Center. The speaker will be Nobel laureate Guenter Blobel from Rockefeller University who will speak about nuclear transport. The seminar will be followed by a reception with snacks and drinks. All welcome!

### **Partnership with EMBL**

The links between the Gene Center and the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) have led to the status of the LMU as a new EMBL partner University. The partnership will strengthen the scientific exchange through close ties with the EMBL PhD program. The EMBL is an internationally leading institution for research and training in the life sciences.

### **New research group in Computational Biology**

The new research group headed by Johannes Soeding has started at the Gene Center. Johannes joins us from the Max-Planck-Institute in Tübingen. He and his team will establish Computational Biology here. For now they are located on the second floor but we will remodel the library annex to create a new home for Computational Biology.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> International Gene Center/SFB646 Symposium**

The symposium will take place on October 12-13, 2007. Many distinguished speakers will be here. Information will be available soon at <http://141.84.46.11/sfb646/SFB646home.html>. All have to register by Email: [hoerske@lmb.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:hoerske@lmb.uni-muenchen.de)

### **Transregio 5 symposium 2007**

The symposium of the Transregio 5 "Chromatin" will take place on September 13-15, 2007. Many excellent speakers will come: <http://www.transregio5.uni-muenchen.de/symposium2007>

### **Murnau Conference 2007**

The Murnau conference is on a good way to become the key international conference on structural biology in Germany. This year's conference will be on disease mechanisms. There are only a few places still available. Please register at: <http://www.murnauconference.de>.

### **Annual Retreats 2007 and 2008**

This year's annual retreat took place May 11-13 at Wildbad-Kreuth with 110 participants and four external speakers (Barry Dickson, IMP Vienna; Elisabeth Knust, MPI Dresden; Maria Leptin, Cologne; Alex Stark, MIT). Thanks for all the good contributions. Next year's retreat will be April 25-27, 2008. Please mark your agendas.