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The Committee

The HGNC, chaired by Dr Sue Povey, now comprises Dr Hester Wain who has replaced Dr Julia White as Project Manager and two half-time editors: Dr Elspeth Bruford and Dr Ruth Lovering. We are currently looking to recruit another editorial assistant.

Funding progress

The grant proposal for the support of the Project Manager and an additional member of staff (to run from October 2000) received encouraging reviews from the UK Medical Research Council (MRC). A decision is expected by the end of July.

Genomic sequence data

We've worked well with the chromosome 21 database approving a total of 249 symbols prior to the publication by [Hattori et al.](#), (Nature 2000). Indeed this was 88% of the total number of genes (and pseudogenes) found on chromosome 21.

Newly approved gene family symbols

IG# immunoglobulin #

TR# T-cell receptor #

CNTN# contactin #

CPSF# cleavage and polyadenylation specific factor #

FXVD# FXVD domain-containing ion transport regulator #

NXF# nuclear RNA export factor #

Meetings

This year we have displayed posters at HGM 2000 (Vancouver, Canada); Genes, Protein & Computers VI Conference (Chester, UK) and Genome Based Gene Structure Determination (Hinxton, UK). We will also be taking posters to the 18th International Congress of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (Birmingham, UK) and ASHG 2000 (Philadelphia, USA).

We will also be sharing a stand with HUGO Mutation Database Initiative, at ASHG 2000 and are hoping once again to highlight the use of approved symbols on posters.

ASHG-NW

We are holding a nomenclature workshop in Philadelphia as a satellite meeting of ASHG 2000, in the afternoon of Monday, 2nd October. Participation is open to all; if interested please notify us in advance.

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