



## Nome News Issue 2

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### The Committee

We are now advertising for a Database Editor and a DNA Sequencing Project Analyser.

Human Gene Nomenclature Database

We have been updating our database with the help of a temporary database technician. The current online version of our database is a searchable text file, which holds limited information and only has one search field.

The new database is intended to be fully accessible and searchable online. We have added a number of new fields including GDB IDs, Ref\_Seq IDs and LocusLink IDs. We have also included space for Gene Ontology terms <http://www.geneontology.org/> and gene product IDs.

### Meetings

We have twenty confirmed participants at the nomenclature workshop prior to ASHG2000. This will be held in the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel (Room 305), between 14:00 and 18:00 on Monday, 2nd October. Participation is open to all; if interested please notify us in advance.

We have a poster at ASHG 2000 (Philadelphia, USA) and welcome everyone to visit us at our shared stand in the exhibitors area.

### Funding progress

We are pleased to announce that the UK Medical Research Council (MRC) have awarded us a five year grant for the support of the Project Manager and a DNA Sequencing Project Analyser. This adds to the three years remaining on the NIH contract N01-LM-9-3533 that supports our other staff members.

Public Understanding of Science

Dr Wain was interviewed by the New Scientist at the IUBMB conference (Birmingham, UK). This generated a short online conference report entitled "The Naming Game". Also, Dr Povey recently spoke about Genetics to the Genetical Society of St. Paul's School for girls.

Newly approved gene family symbols

PANX# pannexin #

PRDX# peroxiredoxin #

VAULTRC# vault RNA component #

RAMP# receptor (calcitonin) activity modifying protein #

SPTLC# serine palmitoyltransferase, long chain base subunit #

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