



## Nome News Issue 16

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### New Editors

We have been joined by two new editors, Varsha Khodiyar, and Connie Talbot Jr. (previously of GDB). Varsha will be working full-time from the London office, while Connie will be working part-time from Johns Hopkins (USA).

### HUGO Human Genome Meeting (HGM2003)

This year we are trying a new method of checking gene nomenclature for the HGM conference, through online access to the newly submitted abstracts, and by contacting the authors in advance of the meeting.

We will again be awarding prizes to the authors of the two posters which contain the HIGHEST NUMBER of correct gene symbols. This will be judged by members of the HGNC team with a score of +1 for use of a correct symbol and -3 for an incorrect one. The prizes are a year's subscription to [Nature Genetics](#), and a year's subscription to [Nature Reviews Genetics](#), whom we would like to thank for their support.

### Publication

Wain H, Povey S and Maltais L.  
Human and Mouse Gene Nomenclature. 2002 Current Protocols in Human Genetics. Appendix A.1C.1-A.1C.11, Supplement 35. Wiley.

### Virtual Workshop

As we progress through the genome assigning new symbols to the annotated sequence, we are also identifying sequence for a number of genes where previously only the chromosomal location was known. To help us with this challenge we are setting up a "[Virtual Gene Nomenclature Workshop](#)", with a webpage for each chromosome.

### Nomenclature in the News

Steve Farrar of the The Times Higher Education Supplement (THES) highlighted our success on passing the halfway mark for naming human genes. The front page article: "Godzilla, Hamlet and Genghis Khan and the battle for human genes" appeared in the 22 November 2002 issue and explained the need for international gene symbols.

### Genew Database Search Engine

We have now added links to both [IMGT](#), the international ImMunoGeneTics database, and the [GeneTests/GeneClinics](#) database, from our gene record pages.

### Gene Families and Groupings

We recently assisted with the nomenclature needed for the publication of the human "kinome", detailing 518 putative protein kinase genes ([Manning G et al.](#), Science. 2002 298(5600):1912-34).

If you would like to be added to our Nome News mailing list or if you have questions or comments on any human gene nomenclature issue, please email us at: [hgnc@genenames.org](mailto:hgnc@genenames.org)