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End of Year review

2003 was a busy year for the HGNC, approving symbols for the publication of chromosome 6, chromosome 14 and chromosome Y. We also ran the highly successful [Virtual Gene Nomenclature Workshop](#), which resulted in nucleotide sequence being found for 764 gene symbols. In total we approved just over 2,400 new gene symbols, and withdrew 384 symbols, many of the latter as a direct result of the Virtual Gene Nomenclature Workshop.

Gene Families and Groupings

In response to the community we are currently revising the gene nomenclature of several gene families including ACS acyl-CoA synthetases, EMILIN genes, SIAT sialyltransferases and TUB Tubulins. Please view the [gene family webpages](#) and let us know if you have any comments on the families under review.

Meetings

Varsha spoke at the Genetics Society's 14th Mammalian Genetics and Development Workshop on "Virtual Gene Nomenclature - Making the most of newly available genomic sequence". All sequence data that we associated with gene symbols during the virtual workshop has now been provided to LocusLink to aid with Ref_Seq assignments.

At this years [HGM meeting](#) (Berlin, Germany) 4-7 April 2004, we will once again be checking the use of approved nomenclature in abstracts and posters and awarding [prizes](#) for the two posters that contains the HIGHEST NUMBER of correct gene symbols. The prizes are a year's subscription to [Nature Genetics](#) and [Nature Reviews Genetics](#), both of whom we would like to thank for their support. So make sure the symbols on your abstract and poster are HGNC approved, to be in with a chance of winning!

HGNC International Advisory Committee

The current terms of office for the [International Advisory Committee](#) ended on 31 December 2003. Members were contacted and the majority have agreed to stay on for at least another year. Thanks to all for their support.

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