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New Team Members

We are pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to the HGNC team. Dr Tam Sneddon has joined us as a new nomenclature editor and Tina Eyre has been appointed to the bioinformatican post, and will be starting in October. Both Tam and Tina will be based at the London office.

Meetings Attended

Matt represented the HGNC at the [29th FEBS Congress](#) (26 June - 1 July 2004) in Warsaw, Poland where he was asked to give an oral presentation of his poster Family Matters - Naming Genes Within Families.

Matt gave an invited talk on Keratin and KAP gene nomenclature at the Gordon Research Conference on Intermediate Filaments (8-13 August 2004) at Queens College, Oxford, UK. During the discussion session that followed, it was decided to set up a keratin nomenclature committee, which is to be chaired by Mike Rogers. The committee will generate nomenclature proposals which will then be voted on by the general keratin research community.

Peptidase Nomenclature

We have added a link to this "hot topic" on our main page. Of the responses we have received so far, the majority express a preference for option 1 (change 'protease' and 'proteinase' in all approved gene names to 'peptidase', with the previous names included in Genew as a synonyms). We are still canvassing for opinions, so please do write in and let us know your views on this issue.

Congratulations!

To Fabrice and his partner on the birth of their baby boy, Elies, on 30th August 2004.

Upcoming Meetings

Michael will be attending the European Perl programming conference, [YAPC](#) (15-17 September 2004), in Belfast.

Matt, Michael, Ruth and Elspeth will all be representing the HGNC and presenting a poster at the [Genome Informatics](#) meeting (22-26 September 2004) in Hinxton.

Matt will be attending the 18th International Mouse Genome Conference (18-21 October 2004) in Seattle, USA, presenting a poster and sharing a booth with the MGNC to launch the HUMOT (human and mouse orthologous annotation) project. Please drop by with any nomenclature queries you may have.

Alternatively, you will be able to speak to Sue, Elspeth and Connie on the HUGO booth, at this year's [ASHG](#) (26-30 October 2004) in Toronto, Canada. We will also be presenting a poster entitled "Speaking the Same Language".

Recent Publications

Mashek DG, ... Khodiyar V, et al., Revised nomenclature for the mammalian long-chain acyl-CoA synthetase gene family. *J Lipid Res.* 2004 Oct;45(10):1958-61. Epub 2004 Aug 01. PMID: [15292367](#) .

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