



## Nome News Issue 27

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### Further Funding

We are pleased to announce that we have secured NHGRI funding (grant P41 HG003345) for the next three years . This will enable us to fund 5 team members and appoint a new editor in the coming months, watch this space!

### Meetings Attended

Matt represented the HGNC at the 18th International Mouse Genome Conference (18-21 October 2004) in Seattle, USA, presenting a poster and sharing a booth with the Mouse Genomic Nomenclature Committee (MGNC) to launch the HUMOT (human and mouse orthologous annotation) project. Whilst there he also attended the International Committee on Standardized Nomenclature for Mice.

Sue, Elspeth and Connie were available to discuss nomenclature issues at the HUGO booth, at this year's ASHG (26-30 October 2004) in Toronto, Canada. They also presented a poster entitled "Speaking the Same Language". For the first time we were giving out pens emblazoned with our web address, look out for these again at future meetings.

### Peptidase Nomenclature

Thank you to everyone who responded to our 'Hot Topic' on peptidase nomenclature. An overwhelming majority opted for option 1: to change protease and proteinase in all approved gene names to peptidase. This change will take place before the end of 2004, but there is still time to contact us if you have any final comments. We would also welcome any ideas for issues for us to cover as future hot topics.

### Public Downloads

We have decided to update our downloads page. From 1st December 2004, we will be providing a web-based interface which will allow users to select columns of data for output, execute limited SQL queries and save searches for future reference. Since many users have existing scripts that rely on the format of our old output files, we will continue to generate these files until we are certain that they are no longer in use.

### Recent Publications

Jin J, Cardozo T, Lovering RC, Elledge SJ, Pagano M, Harper JW. Systematic analysis and nomenclature of mammalian F-box proteins. *Genes Dev.* 2004 Nov 1;18(21):2573-80. PMID: [15520277](#)

### Congratulations!

October was a month of celebrations for the nomenclature team. Varsha and her husband announced the birth of their baby boy, Koshin, on 7th October, and Elspeth married Spencer Gandley on 8th October.

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)