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The HGNC are on the move...

The HGNC are delighted to announce that our grant application to the Wellcome Trust, requesting five years funding for two posts, was successful. On this basis the HGNC will definitely now be relocating to the [European Bioinformatics Institute](#) (EBI) at Hinxton, near Cambridge. We hope to hear the outcome of our other application to fund this move, which was submitted to the NHGRI, in June. More news will follow in the next issue concerning our relocation, which will take place over the summer this year. We ask you to bear with us during this upheaval and be ready to change your bookmarks and email address books. We would also like to thank all of our users, and in particular those who kindly supplied us with letters of support, for your continued support of our efforts to standardise gene nomenclature.

...and so is our website!

When we move from UCL this will require us to change our website address from www.genenames.org. As this will involve updating your bookmarks and links, we will also be taking this as an opportunity to improve some of the CGI script names: for example, the rather generic 'hgnc_data.php' will change to 'hgnc_data.cgi', though of course the new program would accept exactly the same parameters as before.

If you would like to be informed of specific changes and updates as they happen, and be notified of when the new site goes live, please email hgnc@genenames.org with the subject line "HGNC move" and we will ensure you are kept up to date.

Gene Ontology (GO)

In recognition of the contributions being made to the GO Consortium database by HGNC, HGNC became a [GO Consortium member](#) in March 2007.

Congratulations

To Kate and her husband Allister on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Isobel, on 4th April 2007.

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

Gene families

Our data downloads currently export a 'Gene Family Name' for each gene family we curate (e.g. 'ABC'); from 1st June this field will change from being 'Gene Family Name' to 'Gene Family IDs' and we will also export longer 'Gene Family Descriptions' (e.g. 'ATP-binding cassette transporters') for each family.

There will be no need to update existing links as the custom download service will support the old URL format.

aaRS Webpage

The HGNC recently reviewed the nomenclature for the genes encoding the aminoacyl tRNA synthetases. The nomenclature scheme for these genes is simple and systematic. For instance, cytoplasmic leucyl-tRNA synthetase is LARS and the mitochondrial form is LARS2. All of these genes are represented in our new [aminoacyl tRNA synthetases webpage](#).

We welcome suggestions for other families or groupings that could be added to our gene family pages.

Meetings Attended

Matt was again invited to attend the [NC-IUPHAR Meeting](#) (Paris, France) on 13-15th April 2006. The HGNC have already successfully co-ordinated with members of the NC-IUPHAR on the nomenclature for several gene families (including the voltage-gated ion channels, ligand gated ion channels and G protein coupled receptors), and so discussions focussed on further improving this collaboration and strengthening links between our two committees.

Publications

Brown SJ, Tilli CM, Jackson B, Avilion AA, Macleod MC, Maltais LJ, Lovering RC and Byrne C. **Rodent Lce Gene Clusters; New Nomenclature, Gene Organization, and Divergence of Human and Rodent Genes.** J Invest Dermatol. 2007 Apr 5; [Epub ahead of print] PMID:[17410201](#)

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