

MASC Annual Meeting at the 17th Annual ICAR (June 28th-July 2nd, 2006)

Date: Thursday, June 29 Time: 5:30-7:30 pm (over dinner) Old Madison Room, 3rd Floor

- 1) Welcome/Round-table introduction of MASC members and meeting participants (**Philip Benfey**, chair) **5:35 - 5:40 pm**
- 2) Overview of 2006 annual MASC report (**Joanna Friesner**) **5:40 - 5:45 pm**
- 3) MASC discussion (**P. Benfey**)
 1. New MASC chair/co-chair- terms of service etc. **5:45 - 5:50 pm**
 2. MASC Coordinator - funding/utility, goals, priorities **5:50 - 5:55 pm**
 3. Larger role of the MASC at midpoint of the 10 year functional genomics project (**P. Benfey**):
 - what does the MASC need to focus on to achieve long-term goals
 - planning discussion for upcoming year(s)
 - proposal for new subcommittee**5:55 - 6:10 pm**
 4. Subcommittee Reports **6:10 - 6:40 pm**
 1. ORFeome: **Pierre Hilson**, chair, attending (discussion re: renaming SC)
 2. Phenome: **Eva Huala and Sean May**, co-chairs, attending
 3. Proteomics: **Wolfram Weckwerth**, chair, attending
 4. Metabolomics: Ian Graham, chair, not attending. Update by **Wolfram Weckwerth**
 5. Bioinformatics: **Chris Town and Heiko Schoof**, co-chairs, attending
 6. *Nat.Var./Comp.Gen. chair (T. Mitchell-Olds)not attending*
- 4) The Annual MASC report (**P. Benfey**)
 1. Utility/format of the annual report, New contacts needed? **6:40 - 6:50 pm**
 2. Discussion of report thermometers: 'Measuring gene function knowledge'- utility, methodology. (**E. Huala**) **6:50 - 7:00 pm**
- 5) MASC country webpages and coordinator travel for remainder of 2006 (**J. Friesner**) **7:00 - 7:05 pm**
 1. Webpage updates are the major task for the rest of 2006- need content input from countries. Those that respond first will have their pages updated first.
 2. Scheduled Coordinator trips for remainder of year: ASPB, Boston (August), ISPMB, Australia (August), AFGN Tri-National meeting, Germany (September), PlantGEMS, Italy (October), possibly a trip to Japan/RIKEN. *Note: between the Tri-National and Italy meetings I have a free week and plan to visit the Max Planck in Cologne to meet with researchers.*
- 6) Update on 18th ICAR, 2007, Beijing (**J. Friesner**, for X.W. Deng) **7:05 - 7:10 pm**
 1. Recent site visit, preliminary webpage, request for proposals to be written to fund participants from individual countries. Are there suggestions for increasing participation from US/Europe? **7:10 - 7:15 pm**
 2. Revisit discussion on extracting individual gene locus names from individuals during online abstract submission process for next ICAR; also discussion re: TAIR taking over submission process (**Chris Town, E.Huala**)
- 7) Suggestions from MASC for Coordinator (better communication with MASC countries and other plant communities, etc.) **7:15 - 7:20 pm**
- 8) Open floor for discussion **7:20 - 7:30 pm**