

**IIGB Forum  
January 25, 2007: 1:00pm  
Bourns A265**

**–AGENDA–**

- I. Introduction of New IIGB Director [N. Raikhel]**
  - a. Review of Committees and Memberships
    - i. IIGB Advisory
    - ii. Equipment Committee
    - iii. Seminar Committees
      1. IIGB
      2. CEPCEB
      3. CDVR
  - b. Proposed Centers
    - i. Center for Biological Sciences and Technology
    - ii. Agricultural Genomics Center
    - iii. Stem Cell Center
  - c. Related Programs
    - i. mSTART
    - ii. Genetics, Genomics and Bioinformatics Graduate Program (GGB)
      1. IIGB sponsoring travel awards for graduate students
  - d. Introduction of IIGB Staff
- II. Three Innovative Areas of Focus for IIGB [N. Raikhel]**
  - a. RNA Interference
  - b. Bioinformatics
    - i. Recruitment underway for three positions in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
      1. Since faculty outside CNAS yet are affiliated with IIGB cannot vote on candidates, a form will be distributed
  - c. Systems Biology
- III. Integration of College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) and College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS)**
  - a. Social to be scheduled to acquaint faculty
- IV. Questions/Concerns/Comments**
  - a. Tim Close: Inquired about mechanism for purchasing equipment through grants for possible placement in Keen Hall (instrumentation facility). CNAS does not have a grant writer available to assist with this process. A Facilities Description will be made available on the IIGB website for inclusion in equipment-related/research grants.
  - b. It was recommended that seminars be clearly posted and accessible on the IIGB website.
- V. Next Forum**
  - a. To be scheduled in June 2007