

IIGB FACULTY FORUM
Friday, June 14, 2013: 12:00pm
Genomics Auditorium, Rm 1102

–AGENDA–

- I. Announcements (N. Raikhel, S.W. Ding, X. Chen, T. Girke, J. Bailey-Serres)**
- A. Recruitments
- i. Status of Two IIGB Faculty Recruitments (college-wide):
- Virology: (Shou-wei Ding Search Committee Chair)
 - Committee Members: Sarjeet Gill, Anupama Dahanukar, I-Chueh Huang, David Lo
 - Epigenetics: (Xuemei Chen Search Committee Chair)
 - Committee Members: Natasha Raikhel, Karine Le Roch, Yinsheng Wang, Jikui Song

It was determined that X. Chen would write to P. Atkinson regarding delays in recruitments.
- ii. Bioinformatics Academic Coordinator:
- Background: Natasha Raikhel
Currently, there is funding for a .5 FTE Academic Coordinator (T. Girke became 1.0 FTE faculty and funding redirected). Natasha offered to swap 1.0 FTE faculty line from retention agreement and asked for additional \$500K infrastructure setup; this was denied. The Dean's office will provide temporary funds of \$30K to supplement salary for the AC position for one year only. It was determined that funds from the bioinformatics programmer's salary will be used after one year as supplemental funding for the AC position, leaving the programmer position inadequately funded.
 - Status (Thomas Girke Search Committee Chair)
Offer made to Sean MacEachern from Cobb-Vantress, Inc. (chicken breeding company) in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Offer denied.
 - Search Committee Members: Julia Bailey-Serres, Glenn Hicks, Stefano Lonardi, Anand Ray, Jason Stajich
 - Rebecca Sun (bioinformatics programmer) will be leaving in September 2013 and T. Girke is in the process of recruiting.
- iii. CEPCEB Plant Cellular Biochemist: (Julia Bailey-Serres, search committee member)
- Status
2012-13 search unsuccessful; slow recruitment process may have contributed. Search will be reopened.
 - Committee members: Zhenbiao Yang (chair), Sean Cutler, Wenwan Zhong
- B. Management Changes (N. Raikhel)
- i. Effective 1/1/2013, Julia Bailey-Serres replaced Natasha Raikhel as director of CEPCEB
- ii. Natasha Raikhel remains director of IIGB
- II. Faculty Recruitment 2014 (2): (N. Raikhel)**
- Two Asst. Professors: Natasha Raikhel and Shou-wei Ding retentions
 - Areas of Focus (solicitation – send to N. Raikhel/S.W. Ding)

III. NIH Institutional Training Grants (Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA) – T32s (I. Ethell)

- PI: Iryna Ethell
- Participants: NIH-funded PIs
- Focus: biomedical epigenetics

IV. IIGB Instrumentation Core Update (G. Hicks)

- NIH Award
 - LTQ Orbitrap Elite Mass Spectrometer: \$651K (Proteomics: Yinsheng Wang/Songqin Pan)
It was reported that the equipment is on order!
- New Equipment/Service in Cores
- New High-End Instrumentation Proposals in FY14
- Glenn reported that a consortium is being organized among southern California institutions with instrumentation facilities (Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UC Irvine, University of Southern California) in order to share ideas and resources.

V. IIGB Seed Grants (N. Raikhel)

- 2013:
 - Six seed grants of \$5,000 sponsored by IIGB/RED were awarded in FY13 to assist in development of innovative research and/or exploration of new genomics, bioinformatics, proteomics and imaging/microscopy approaches.
 - Award Recipients:
 - Thomas Eulgem (BPS)
 - Sean Cutler (BPS)
 - Wenbo Ma and Anupama Dahanukar (ENT)
 - Bradley White (ENT)
 - Michael Allen, Edith Allen, Matthew O'Neill (BPS)
 - Natasha Raikhel and Chunhua Zhang (BPS)
- 2014:
 - Fewer but higher amounts offered in FY14?
Group consensus was to offer a greater quantity of smaller grants rather than fewer larger ones. The goal is to offer \$50K in grant funding in FY14 if funding permits.
 - Focus – TBD.

VI. RED (Research and Economic Development Office) Collaborative Seed Grant Program (N. Raikhel)

- Grants being offered up to \$75,000 each
- Target: center, program project grants, large multi-investigator research grants
- Criteria: two or more UCR faculty trying to obtain data results to be competitive for federal funding
- Collaborative ideas?

VII. New/Ongoing IIGB Initiatives

- IIGB PI Luncheon Brainstorming Sessions (N. Raikhel)
 - Goal: Problem-solving; Collaborations
 - Open to all IIGB PIs
 - Frequency: monthly
 - BYO lunch or order from menu (Jammin' Bread)
 - Coordinator volunteers? Ted Karginov and Hailing Jin agreed to coordinate sessions, which will be held in the Genomics Boardroom.

- B. NSF-CEPCEB REU Program in Plant and Plant-Pathogen Cell Biology (H. Judelson)
Howard Judelson reported that 12 students this year were selected from 160 applicants.
 - i. Update
- C. IIGB/CEPCEB/CDVR Seminars (N. Raikhel)
 - i. Every two weeks, not weekly
 - ii. PI Involvement in encouraging attendance
 - iii. Seminar Coordinators:
 - CEPCEB Seminars
 - 2012-13 Faculty Coordinators: Patty Springer/Julia Bailey-Serres
 - 2013-14 Coordinators: Patty Springer/Thomas Girke
 - IIGB Seminars
 - 2012-13 Faculty Coordinator: Alex Raikhel
 - 2013-14 Faculty Coordinators: Iryna Ethell/Jason Stajich
 - CDVR Seminars
 - 2012-13 Faculty Coordinator: Joao Pedra
 - 2013-14 Faculty Coordinators: Karine Le Roch/Anupama Dahanukar
 - Student Seminars
 - 2012-13 Student Coordinators: Christi Scott (Ray lab), Stephanie Coffman (Ding lab)
 - 2013-14 Student Coordinator: Lauren Dedow (Bailey-Serres lab)
- D. CEPCEB Award Committee (J. Bailey-Serres)
 - i. 2012-13 Members: Venu Reddy Gonehal (chair), Chia-en Chang, Stefano Lonardi, Glenn Hicks, Shengben Li (Chen lab), Gregory Barding (Larive/Bailey-Serres labs)
 - ii. 2013-14 Members: Same except for Graduate Student and Postdoc
 - iii. Pre-college Awards:
 - State Science Fair held on April 16, 2013
 - Judges: David Carter, Shengben Li (Chen lab)
- E. CEPCEB Award Ceremony (J. Bailey-Serres)
 - i. 2012 10th Anniversary (Coordinators J. Bailey-Serres/L. Walling)
 - Held December 14, 2012
 - Speakers: Wolf Frommer, Jen Sheen, James Carrington (Noel T. Keen Lecturer), Susan McCouch, Neelima Sinha
 - Attendance: 120 researchers
 - Full-day Symposium combined with annual CEPCEB award ceremony
 - ii. 2013 CEPCEB Award Ceremony
 - Date: Wed, December 18, 2013
 - Noel T. Keen Lecturer: Elliot Meyerowitz, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena
 - Symposium – internal speakers?
 - Committee members? Zhenbiao Yang, Thomas Girke and Venu Reddy volunteered to work on committee.
 - Postdoc and graduate student attendance will be encouraged by PIs
- F. Career Day 2014
 - i. Coordinator: Anand Ray

- ii. Open to IIGB postdocs and students
 - iii. Date: Friday, May 23, 2014
 - iv. Faculty Committee Volunteers? **Please call or email Anand Ray and/or Jocelyn**
- G. 2nd International Hemipteran-Plant Interactions Symposium (HPIS)
(Linda Walling)
- i. Committee Members: Linda Walling, Isgouhi Kaloshian, Gregory Walker, James Ng
 - ii. **First meeting held in Brazil in 2011**
 - iii. Date: June 23-25, 2014
 - iv. Location: HUB 302
 - v. Expected attendance: 200

VIII. Questions?