

FOREWORD

The 44th edition of the Fungal Genetics Newsletter contains articles and notes on a wide variety of topics. As usual, the aspergillus and neurospora bibliographies are included, as are a brief list of strains added to the FGSC collection since the publication of the most recent catalog in 1996 and the most recent FGSC mailing list. The abstracts from the 19th Fungal Genetics Conference at Asilomar are published as an on-line supplement and will not be distributed in print format. As always, suggestions regarding the Newsletter are welcome at any time and should be directed to the Newsletter Editor, the FGSC Director and/or to the Fungal Genetics Policy Committee. All address changes and subscription inquiries should be directed to the FGSC.

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The FGSC on the Internet

The FGSC maintains an extensive web site and articles from this and previous Newsletters are available on-line. Additionally visitors will find strain listings and convenient database and bibliography searches. Other resources available include methods, recipes and hints for working with *Neurospora*, *Aspergillus* and other fungi and an FGSC deposit sheet. The Web site contains the most up-to-date FGSC strain listings and mailing list.

FGSC Staffing change

Mr. Christopher Kunce has joined the FGSC as technician.

Neurospora RFLP maps

Drs. Mary Anne Nelson and Donald Natvig have assumed responsibility for data derived from RFLP mapping efforts[see Fungal Genet. Newsl. 42:82-90 (1995) for most recent map]. Please

submit any new results to them (manelson@unm.edu or dnatvig@unm.edu). Numbers may be assigned to submissions to preserve confidentiality.

Neurospora 1998

The Neurospora policy committee is pleased to announce dates for the 1998 Neurospora Meeting at Asilomar. June 18-21 has been set aside for a meeting featuring morning and afternoon sessions and a poster session to allow everyone present their work.

Contact Dr. Kathy Borkovitch for more information. Application materials will be mailed later in the year and will be available on the FGSC web-site.