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Welcome to our first Newsletter!

We are pleased to release the first issue of the JDIP newsletter – simply titled “JDIP News”. The primary purpose of this newsletter is to enhance intramural communications and ensure that JDIP participants and stakeholders are updated on news of relevance to our community.

So what sort of material should you expect to find in JDIP News? As the title would suggest, news regarding the program itself along with progress that is being made in various projects and core facilities that are part of JDIP will be a focus of the newsletter. We also would like to explore the opportunity to include other items of relevance to the community – news you can use - for example, sections on funding opportunities; recent publications; upcoming meetings, conferences and workshops, and maybe even a joke or cartoon!

JDIP News Updates

JDIP Investigators are Assisting with USDA-APHIS-VS Grant Proposal Review.

JDIP team members will serve as scientific reviewers for grant proposals submitted to the recent USDA-APHIS-VS request for applications for John’s related research, with APHIS making the final award decisions. There are two panels that have been formed for the initial review: Ian Gardner (UC Davis) is chairing the Epidemiological and Extension panel, and Judy Stabel and John Bannantine (both from the USDA NADC) are co-chairing the Diagnostics and Molecular Biology panel.



Our plans call for the newsletter to be released on a monthly basis, however, the frequency of issue (monthly / quarterly) will depend entirely on community feedback and participation. Please do let us know your thoughts on the frequency that you would like to see this newsletter. In this era of google, blogs, spam and general information overload, we recognize that it is sometimes very tempting to hit the delete key before the download is complete and hence don’t wish to contribute anymore to cyberclutter.

We do look forward to your feedback and contributions to JDIP News – hope you are having wonderful summer!

Initial reviews are planned for June 22, 2005, and a final review for mid July, when both panels will meet to scientifically evaluate all of the submitted proposals and provide feedback to Michael Carter, the program director for this initiative at USDA-APHIS-VS.

Approximately \$500,000 in John’s Disease research funding will be awarded through this program!

We will keep you updated on the progress of the review – thanks in advance to the panel chairs and all of the reviewers who are volunteering their efforts and keeping this important process moving ahead in a timely manner.

JDIP News Updates – contd.



The 8th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark from August 14 through 18, 2005. More information regarding the colloquium can be found at www.8icp.dk

JDIP will shortly be issuing an RFA for funding of year 2 proposals.

As proposed by the JDIP external advisory board (EAB) and approved by the JDIP Steering Committee, Year 2 funding of projects through JDIP will be awarded based on an RFA (Request for Application) and competitive peer-review process. The RFA is being finalized and will likely be announced during the week of June 27, 2005, with proposals due on August 8. This RFA will solicit

applications for continued funding of current projects and core proposals as well as new developmental project proposals from investigators who are currently not funded by JDIP.

Final reviews are scheduled to occur at the 8th International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis meeting during the week of Aug. 14-18, 2005, and the recommendations of the steering committee sent to the EAB for their input.

JDIP to sponsor attendance at the “Workshop on Test Evaluation and Application to Paratuberculosis”

The JDIP steering committee has approved sponsorship of the attendance for up to 4 graduate students and young investigators to attend the “Workshop on Test Evaluation and Application to Paratuberculosis” to be held Aug. 19-20 at the tail end of the upcoming International Colloquium on

Paratuberculosis in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The complete announcement was recently sent to JDIP members for distribution to interested individuals, and, for those interested in applying is posted on the 8th ICP web site – www.8icp.dk.

Remember, applications are due June 24, 2005. Please contact Rachel Surber (surbe002@umn.edu) for more information.

JDIP EAB Meeting a Success!

The JDIP External Advisory Board (EAB) met during April 1 and 2 of 2005 in St. Paul, Minnesota to evaluate the current state of the program and provide guidance to the JDIP steering committee regarding future initiatives and opportunities for improving the program.

At this meeting, the EAB was provided an overview on all activities funded through JDIP and given an opportunity to interact directly with JDIP project and core leaders. Larry Hutchinson (Prof. Emeritus, Penn State) was elected Chair of the EAB, and together with other members has provided valuable feedback and recommendations to the group. Our special thanks to all of the EAB members

for their commitment to making JDIP a success, and a special thanks to EAB members, Michael Carter (USDA-APHIS-VS), Tom Gomez (USDA-APHS-CDC), Bill Hartman (Minn. Board of Animal Health); Larry Hutchinson (Penn State); John Adams (Nat. Milk Producers Federation); Cindy Wolf (American Sheep Assoc.); Gerald Gerlach (Inst. Mikrobiologie, Germany); David Kennedy (Animal Health Australia), and Mark Tizard (CSIRO, Australia) for attending the meeting. Our thanks also to Peter Johnson (USDA-CSREES) for helping provide funding agency perspective and support and participating in the EAB meeting via teleconference.



Upcoming Meetings and Conferences that may be of Interest

- AVMA Annual Convention. Minneapolis, MN July 16-20. 2005. www.avma.org/convention/default.asp.
- International Colloquium on Paratuberculosis. Copenhagen, Denmark August 14-18 2005. www.8icp.dk.
- Annual Conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. Salt Lake City, UT September 22-24, 2005. <http://www.aabp.org/meeting/>
- USAHA / AAVLD Annual Meetings, Hershey, PA November 3-10, 2005. <http://www.usaha.org/meetings/>
- Conference of Research Workers in Animal Diseases, St. Louis, MO, December 4-6, 2005. <http://www.cvmb.colostate.edu/microbiology/crwad/index.htm>

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Caption. JDIP EAB meeting group photograph. April 1, 2005. Cargill Genomics Building, St. Paul, MN 55108. Standing from the left; Janet Payeur, John Adams, Vivek Kapur, Bill Hartmann, Adel Talaat, David Kennedy, Scott Wells, Ynte Schukken, and Gerald Gerlach. Seated, from the left, Cindy Wolf, Judy Stabel, Bill Davis, John Bannantine, Mike Carter, Larry Hutchinson, Mark Tizard, and Rachel Surber. Photo Credit: G. Olson, Kapur Lab, UMN