

Developments

Network Group Meetings

The newly established [Interchange Program Group](#) and the [Network Awareness Group](#) have recently met in Sydney to discuss the objectives of the groups and implement new Network initiatives, which will kick-start in 2005.

More information about the programs can be found on our website (please click on the hyperlinks below).

Closing Date	Program
14 March 2005	NGED Conference Support
31 March 2005 , 1 July 2005	NGED Conference Participation Award
2 May 2005	NGED Laboratory Interchange Program
Ongoing	NGED Cross-Disciplinary Workshop Attendance Award

Meeting of the NGED Steering Group

The NGED Steering Group has met in Adelaide in preparation for the upcoming NGED Forum. The draft program of the forum will be sent out to all delegates as soon as all speakers have been finalised.

NGED Membership

Membership Profile Updates

As most of the Member Profiles on the NGED website are outdated, the NGED Membership Committee wishes to remind all members to update their profiles to include 2005 data. The member profiles on the [NGED website](#) have been saved as word documents. Please update your profile (using track changes) and return it by email to [Helli Meinecke](#) as soon as possible.

New Members

The NGED wishes to welcome Drs **Jean Finnegan**, CSIRO Plant Industry, and **David Tremethick**, John Curtin School of Medical Research, as new members of the Network. Jean's and David's member profiles have been added to the NGED [website](#).

Updated Profiles

Tim Cox has recently moved to Monash University. Tim's new member profile can be found [here](#).

Other updated profiles on the [NGED web site](#) include:

- John Bertram, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Monash University
- Eleanor Mackie, School of Veterinary Science, University of Melbourne
- Michael Morris, School of Molecular and Biomedical Science, University of Adelaide

2004 NGED Report

To summarise the objectives of the Network and introduce the different NGED groups and initiatives that have been established to date, we have now finalised the 2004 NGED Report. A copy of the report can be accessed on our [website](#).

New Addition to NGED Office

In lead up to the forthcoming NGED Forum we will be gathering together information about NGED members and their research and assembling this info into posters that will be presented at the Forum. To assist in these efforts we are fortunate in appointing a new addition to the administrative support team for the NGED.

Having recently completed her PhD, [Edwina Ashby](#) has joined us on a temporary basis to assist with gathering the 'research mapping' information and the subsequent organisation and production of posters for the 2005 NGED forum.



Edwina will be in contact with you both via email and phone to collate the poster information in the coming weeks.

We welcome her to the team!

News from NGED Laboratories

Viv Perry Lab (Pastoral Veterinary Centre, UQ)

Veena Naik is completing her PhD at the School of Veterinary Science - write up should be complete in June. Veena is looking for a postdoctoral position. Should there be a vacancy in your lab for a student with her qualifications, please contact [Viv Perry](#) for a copy of Veena's CV.

Hugh Campbell Lab (ANU)

Stuart Archer, a final-year PhD student in the Campbell lab, RSBS and CMGD, was recently invited to attend the prestigious International Workshop on Encoding Information in DNA Sequences, held in Okinawa, Japan, from February 21-27, 2005.

The aim of the Workshop was to provide opportunities for young researchers in life and molecular sciences to interact with world-renowned experts in protein coding, functional RNAs, DNA regulation, combinational transcriptional systems and comparative genomics.

The Workshop was sponsored by RIKEN and the Cabinet Office of the Japanese Government, who paid airfares and accommodation costs for the 40 selected invitees who attended this event. All attendees presented posters with a short oral introduction. The organisers were Svante Pääbo, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Edward Rubin, DOE Joint Genome Institute and Yoshiyuki Sakaki, RIKEN Genomic Sciences Center and there were a total of 18 high-profile guest lecturers including the Nobel Laureate Sydney Brenner. This workshop is one of a number of precursor events leading to the establishment of the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, a newly planned international graduate university, sponsored by the Cabinet Office of the Japanese government.


The website has more details: <http://www.okinawa2005.jp/>

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**The next NGED Forum will be held at the Stamford Grand Glenelg, Adelaide, on
18th-19th April 2005**

The program will be sent out to all delegates shortly.

Upcoming Conferences

<p>28-30 March 05</p>	<p>The International Physiological Societies Congress Satellite Symposium 'The Prenatal Environment, Programming and Postnatal Consequences' Date: 28-30 March 2005 Place: San Diego US Organisers: Caroline McMillen and Kent Thornburg http://www.ohsu.edu/heart/iups.htm</p>
<p>18-19 April 2005</p>	<p>NGED Forum Date: 18-19 April 2005 Place: Stamford Grand Glenelg, Adelaide Organisers: NGED Steering Group</p>
<p>3-7 Sept 2005</p>	 <p>The 15th International Society of Developmental Biologists Congress, themed "From Egg to Adult: Constructing the Complexity of Life" Date: 3rd-7th September 2005 Place: Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on Darling Harbour. The ISDB Congress, held every four years, is the flagship meeting of Developmental Biology Societies worldwide and is a major event in the biosciences calendar. It provides a forum for developmental biologists of all branches of the discipline to converge for presentations of cutting edge science, discussions and networking with other scientists and the biotechnology sector. For more information about the ISDB Congress 2005, please visit http://www.isdb2005.com/</p> <p>Richard P. Harvey, PhD ISDB2005 Congress Convener</p>
<p>8-12 Sept 2005</p>	<p>The 2nd International Great Barrier Reef Drosophila Conference Date: 8th-12th September 2005 Place: Cairns Colonial Club Resort, Queensland For details please visit http://www.cmgd.adelaide.edu.au/conference</p>
<p>25-28 Sept 2005</p>	<p>32nd International Fetal and Neonatal Physiology Society Conference and Jeffrey Robinson Symposium Date: 25th-28th September 2005 Place: Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, SA Australia For more information please visit http://www.mbs.adelaide.edu.au/fnps2005/</p>
<p>2005 30 Sept – 3 Oct</p>	<p>Preterm Birth – Causes & Consequences Date: 30th Sept – 3rd Oct 2005 Place: Fremantle Organisers: Tim Moss, Jon Hirst, John Newnham, Roger Smith & Richard Harding More information is available at http://www.obsgyn.uwa.edu.au/fnps</p>
<p>1-3 Oct 2005</p>	<p>The 2nd International Conference on Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transitions Date: 1st-3rd October 2005 Place: Vancouver, Canada Co-chairs are Dr Shoukat Dedhar and Dr Raghu Kalluri. The International Organising Committee consists of Mina Bissell, Elizabeth Hay, Kohei Miyazono, Suresh Mohla, Donald Newgreen, Pierre Savaqner, Jean-Paul</p>

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16-20 Nov 2005	The Third International Congress on Developmental Origins of Health & Disease Date: 16-20 November 2005 Place: Toronto, Canada www.mpi-evv.com/2005DOHaD/frameset.htm
2005 29 Nov – 2 Dec	Sir Mark Oliphant Conference on "Epigenetic regulation of Development and Disease" Date: November 29th - December 2nd 2005 Place: The Discovery Centre, CSIRO, Plant Industry Registration opens: February, 2005 For further information contact Jean Finnegan
2006 April 3-5	Enteric Nervous System Development: Cells, Signals and Genes Date: 3rd- 5th April 2006 Place: Arden Conference Center, Arden House Road, Harriman, NY, USA Co-chairs are Drs Heather Young and Donald Newgreen . The International Organising Committee consists of Vassilis Pachnis, Alan Burns, Aravinda Chakravarti and Michael D. Gershon.
