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Editorial

Dear Peromyscus users,

Welcome to the second issue of Perotimes, the newsletter of Peromyscus Genetic Stock the Center. The last few months, since the first issue of Perotimes, marked the decision of NSF to reinstate funding for the Collections in Support of Biological Research (CSBR). Thus, applications will be received in 2017 to support selected Centers. Although this does not solve the concerns of the living stock Centers' community for sustainability, it mitigates the fears that have recently emerged.

The highly respectable Review Journal "Seminars Cell in and Developmental Biology" decided to dedicate a special issue on Peromyscus. This was a great recognition for the *Peromyscus*-related research (and researchers) and is indicative for the increasingly appreciated potential of this model in biomedical research. A presentation of the topics covered in this special issue follows, at the end of this issue of Perotimes.

In an attempt to bring together the various researchers working on *Peromyscus*, the Center is planning to organize a small Symposium, in Columbia SC. The format of such meeting as well as the time remains open and your suggestions are welcome.

Recently the Center has lunched its new website which you are welcome to browse at http://www.pgsc.cas.sc.edu.

Hippokratis Kiaris

SYMPOSIUM

In order to bring the Peromyscus users together the PGSC is planning to organize a Symposium sometime in 2017. Your ideas especially regarding timing are greatly appreciated. You can email us at kiarish@sccp.sc.edu.

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Living Stocks Workshop at DLC

This September the Duke Lemur Center (Duke University, Durham, NC), hosted a Living Stocks Workshop as part of its 50th Anniversary Scientific Symposium. PGSC was represented by H. Kiaris who had the opportunity to exchange ideas and



Dr Meg Dye (senior scientist at DLC, 6) is showing the Center to the Living Stocks Community. From Left to right Kevin (1), Erich (2), Reed (3), a DLC scientist (4), Anne (5), Gregg, Britt Keith (DLC scientist), Roland and Maxi

to participate in a "plan for action" with Living Stocks Collections other Directors/Curators. Participants included Anne Yoder (DLC Director and host, Duke University), Gregg F. Gunnell, (Director of DLC's Division of Fossil Primates), Kevin McCluskey (Curator, Fungal Genetics Stock Center, Kansas State University), Maxi Richmond (Associate Director, Drosophila Species Stock Center, University of California, San Diego), Erich Grotewold (Director, Arabidopsis Biological Resource Center, Ohio State University) and the NSF's Program Officers Reed S. Beaman, and Roland P. Roberts.



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Why Peromyscus from PGSC

PGSC is the only *Peromyscus* Center in the US and indeed the in world

PGSC maintains and can supply truly outbred animals from a number of different species reflecting naturally occurring wild type populations

All animals are pedigreed and can be traced back to the time that the populations had been established in captivity

NEWS AND NOTES

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PERO-RESEARCHERS

PIs are welcome to indicate postdocs and graduate students that recently published on Peromyscus or defended a Thesis, in order to promote their work in Perotimes.

Grant applications

The PGSC will be happy to assist you in your grant proposals by providing quotes that will help you justify your budget as well as letters for the availability of specific stocks.

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Peromyscus Special Issue

Seminars in Cell and Developmental Biology dedicated a special issue on Peromyscus. The issue will be available soon and authors include articles by:

- Vandegrift, Critchlow, Kapoor, Friedman, Hudson who discuss "Peromyscus as a model system for human hepatitis C: An opportunity to advance our understanding of a complex host parasite system"
- Hu and Hoekstra who discuss "Peromyscus burrowing: A model system for behavioral evolution"
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