



SABC NEWS

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New SABC newsletter

In the SABC User's Committee we have discussed the need for a regular newsletter for SABC folk for a while, so here's a start!

Please email or provide topical news items to Andrea Tongue (atongue@central.murdoch.edu.au) - this newsletter will only work if you send us material to put in - its up to all SABC researchers to help out. Are there any closet journalists amongst you who would like to volunteer to produce the **SABC News**? Please let us know!

Types of news - well, its up to you, but here are some examples:

- SABC news
- Seminars of interest
- Visitors or visiting workers
- Significant scientific advances (publications, conferences etc)
- Successes in funding
- New equipment
- Social events
- Jokes, disaster of the week etc
- Help/advice needed
- Interesting photographs

Major ARC LIEF research grant submitted

You may wonder where all the equipment in the SABC comes from - the answer is from the hard work of a few senior researchers who work for the general good to submit competitive grant applications. Thanks mainly to the efforts of Keith Gregg, we have submitted another major collaborative equipment grant (with UWA, Curtin) totaling well over \$1million. The aim for

the SABC is to upgrade the sequencing capacity with a much needed Applied Biosystems model 3730 48-capillary sequencer (total cost about \$605,000). We will keep our fingers crossed!

Ag and Vet Biotech Seminar CBBC: A/Prof Matthew Bellgard

Matt Bellgard told us about the Centre for Bioinformatics and Biological Computing - the dynamic nature of bioinformatics, and the need for correct identification and annotation of sequences. Bioinformatics is of major importance to molecular researchers, and the CBBC is a very useful resource for SABC researchers - should there be a core staff member or CBBC member in bioinformatics located in the SABC??.

Change in membership of SABC User's Committee

At the Users' committee meeting in Wednesday, there was a change in membership to include more active lab researchers (with research supervisors on the Scientific Advisory Committee). The new membership is now: Mike Jones (Chair), Dave Berryman, Frances Brigg; Andrea Tongue, Phil O'Brien, Doug Chamberlain, Greer Wilson, Dave Hodgson (DAWA), Marion McNish, Steve Wylie, Moira Desport, Marie Scobie.

Security badges

This is a reminder that all SABC researchers must wear their SABC Security badges when working in the SABC - if you do not, you will be asked to leave! So, take note!

Addresses for publications

It has been a long-standing requirement that researchers who publish work undertaken in the SABC should include the WA State Agricultural Biotechnology Centre in their address – this can be by double badging – you can still include DSE or DVBS, and the name of any other group, but you must also include the SABC. The addresses of publications are checked when the SABC is reviewed – if you don't include the SABC address, then down the line there may be less funds to support your research!

SABC Car Rally

By all accounts a very successful day, enjoyed by all who took part. Many thanks to Dave Berryman who organised the rally.

The results were as follows:

- 1st Place – Team ACNFP
- 2nd Place – Team SABC
- 3rd Place – Team SSP

Dishonourable mention to Keith Gregg & Team CHAGA. Where is Hwy 5?!



Everyone relaxing after making the final destination



Dave working out the winners!!!



Some of the more energetic participants



Relaxing after lunch.