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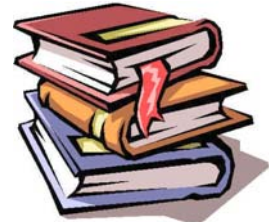
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GII'S INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC JOURNAL

GII will soon be launching its international scientific journal. The core committee members (Drs. Shekhar Joshi, Ravindranath Duggirala, Chittaranjan Kole,



Vishvanath Nene, Prabhakar Ranjekar, Avtar K. Handa, Ranjit Dasgupta, Milind Ratnaparkhe, Madhugiri Nageswara-Rao and Jaya R. Soneji) have come to a conclusion to publish the journal quarterly for now, and also as an online publication. It will include all the systems as follows:

- 1) Plant Genomics
- 2) Microbial Genomics
- 3) Animal Genomics
- 4) Human Genomics
- 5) Methods, Technology, Bioinformatics, and Comparative Genomics.

At the moment editors are being identified (both Indian and non-Indian). GII members will be regularly apprised on the progress made.

If you are interested in contributing your news/achievements/information/job openings /etc, please feel free to contact:

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MEMBER DIRECTORY OF GII

GII members are kindly requested to spare a few minutes to provide the following information to prepare/update the membership directory:

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2. Full name of Organization/University (e.g. Indian Agricultural Research Institute/ Cornell University)
3. Location (New Delhi/ Ithaca)
4. Country
5. Subject (e.g., Microbiology/ Plant Biotechnology/ Animal Genetics/ Bioinformatics/ Plant Physiology)
6. System: (e.g. Rice/ *C. elegans*/ Poultry/ Human/ etc.)
7. Specific field (e.g. Genomics/ Molecular breeding/ Stress resistance/ Chemotherapy/ etc.)
8. Highest degree
9. Current email ID
10. Phone and Fax numbers

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RECOGNITION

Ms. Sunaina Singh was awarded 2nd prize for her oral presentation entitled "Morphological and molecular analysis of intra-cultivar variation in Indian mango (*Mangifera indica* L.) cultivars" at the 6th UNE conference on *In vitro* Culture and Horticulture Breeding held at Brisbane, Australia from 24th to 28th August 2008. She was also awarded a travel grant by the Department of Biotechnology, India to attend the ISHS First Symposium on Horticulture Biotechnology at Dresden, Germany from 1st to 5th September 2008. At present, she is pursuing her PhD at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, India.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS OF GII

FEATURED IN 2008 (July - September)

Dr. J. Nagaraju

Dr. Nagaraju started his career in 1983 as a Senior Research Officer at Central Silk Board, Mysore, India. In 1990, he became Deputy Director and Head at Seribiotech Research Laboratory, Bangalore, India and is currently Scientist 'G' and Group Leader at the Laboratories of Molecular Genetics and DNA Fingerprinting Services, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting & Diagnostics, Hyderabad, India. He can be reached at jnagaraju@cdfd.org.in



Dr. Swapan K. Dutta



Dr. Dutta is currently Rash Behari Ghosh Professor at the University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India. He was former Senior Scientist and CGIAR HarvestPlus Rice crop leader at the International Rice Research Institute, Manila, Philippines from 1993-2005. He was awarded several prestigious Fellowships/assignments such as DAAD Fellow (Germany) FMI, Fellow (Switzerland), Senior Scientist and Group leader at ETH-Zurich, (Switzerland), Visiting Associate Professor at UC-Davis, USA. He can be reached at swpndutta@yahoo.com

Dr. Chandrashekhar P. Joshi

Dr. Joshi started his career in 1977 as a Lecturer in S.P. College, Pune, India. In 1980, he joined National Chemical Laboratory, Pune, India as a Scientist. He joined Texas Tech University, Texas USA as a Research Scientist in 1990. In 1999, he joined Michigan Tech University, Michigan, USA as an Assistant Professor. He is currently a Professor and Director of Biotechnology Research Center at Michigan Tech University. He is also the Director of SFRES graduate programs at Michigan Tech University. He can be reached cpjoshi@mtu.edu



GENOMICS RELATED SYMPOSIA/CONFERENCES

1. Plant and Animal Genome XVII Conference, January 10-14, 2009, San Diego, California, USA,
Web: <http://www.intl-pag.org/>
2. IV International Symposium on Acclimatization and Establishment of Micropropagated Plants, December 8-12, 2008, Bangalore, India,
Web: <http://www.int-tissuecultureconf.org/>
3. World's congress Gene-2008, December 5-7, 2008, Guangzhou, China,
Web: <http://www.bitlifesciences.com/wcg2008/>
4. GOLDEN HELIX Symposia: Copy number variation and genomic alterations in health and disease, November 28-29, 2008, Athens, Greece,
Web: <http://www.biomedgen.org/symposia/golden-helix-symposia.html>
5. 58th Annual meeting of the American Society of Human Genetics: ASHG 2008, November 11-15, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA,
Web: <http://www.ashg.org/2008meeting/>
6. WOCMAP IV: World Congress on Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, November 9-14, 2008, Cape Town, South Africa,
Web: <http://www.wocmap2008.com/home/view.php>



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