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Silencing RNAs: organizers and coordinators of complexity in eukaryotic organisms

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Gunter Meister Wins Peter and Traudl Engelhorn Research Award



SIROCCO Partner Gunter Meister, head of the RNA Biology research group at the Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry in Martinsried was awarded the Peter and Traudl Engelhorn Research Award on January

21st, 2009. Gunter received the award for his outstanding research on RNA interference and human Argonaute proteins.

http://www.biochem.mpg.de/en/news/news_archive/index.html

Many thanks to all SIROCCO participants for their efforts on the annual activity report and detailed implementation plan. The report was submitted to the European Commission for the 14 February deadline and can be downloaded from the partner pages of www.sirocco-project.eu password smallrna

MEETING ALERTS

Keystone Symposium
The Biology of RNA Silencing
Witold Filipowicz and Erik Sontheimer -
Organizers
25-30 April 2009
Fairmont Empress Hotel,
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Gordon Research Conference
Epigenetics
Jeannie T. Lee and Ueli Grossniklaus -
Organizers
9-14 August 2009
Holderness School, Holderness, NH, USA

2nd EMBO Conference on Plant Molecular
Biology
Frontiers of Plant Research
Cristanto Gutierrez, Monserrat Pages,
Javier Paz-Ares, Pere Puigdomenech,
Ramon Serrano - Organizers
6-9 May 2009
Cadiz Conference Centre, Cadiz, Spain

Keystone Symposium
RNA Silencing: Mechanism, Biology and
Application
Philip Zamore and Beverly Davidson—
Organizers
14-19 January 2010
Keystone Resort, Keystone Colorado USA



RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT



MicroRNAs: Novel regulators of immunity.

Carissimi C, Fulci V, Macino G.
Autoimmun Rev. 2009 Feb 3. [Epub ahead of print]

Origin, Biogenesis, and Activity of Plant MicroRNAs.

Voinnet O.
Cell. 2009 Feb 20; 136(4):669-87.

Triggering the formation of tasiRNAs in Arabidopsis thaliana: the role of microRNA

miR173. Felippes FF, Weigel D.
EMBO Rep. 2009 Jan 30. [Epub ahead of print]

microRNA-449 is a putative regulator of choroid plexus development and function.

Redshaw N, Wheeler G, Hajihosseini MK, Dalmay T.

Brain Res. 2009 Jan 23; 1250:20-6.

Primary microRNA transcripts are processed co-transcriptionally.

Morlando M, Ballarino M, Gromak N, Pagano F, Bozzoni I, Proudfoot NJ.

Nat Struct Mol Biol. 2008 Sep; 15(9):902-9.

MID-TERM PROJECT REVIEW Monday 6th April 2009 Brussels

The SIROCCO project is scheduled for a one-day mid-term review on 6th April.

The following issues will be addressed:

Scientific plans

Implementation of the recommendations from previous reviews

Management issues

Invited external reviewer is Dr Aris Economides of Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

A second reviewer may be invited

An agenda for the day and further information will be sent shortly

Visit the SIROCCO Data and Bioinformatics Tools site on the project website

www.sirocco-project.eu

New features are being introduced and coordinated by SIROCCO web developer Rishi Nag

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