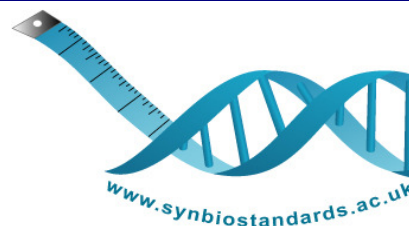


SynBioStandards Network

**** AUGUST '09 NEWSFLASH ****



Well into summer now, but no shortage of news to report from the SynBioStandards Network. Read on for a sampling of this month's delights...

NETWORK NEWS

The next SynBioStandards Network meeting is fast approaching — **Friday 18 September** at Imperial College London, with drinks & dinner the night before. The registration deadline is **Friday 14 August**, just pop in your details at <http://tinyurl.com/nrwhr7>. Details to follow.

FUNDING SUCCESSES!! SynBioStandards Network members are lead researchers on three of the winning grants from the EPSRC/NSF sandpit held in Virginia in March 2009. Hearty congratulations go to:

- **Jim Haseloff** and **Neil Wipat** for securing nearly £1 million to work on 'The Programmable Rhizosphere.'
- **Susan Rosser**, **Paul Freemont** and colleagues Declan Bates (Leicester) and Anne Osbourn (John Innes Centre) for winning just over £900,000 to work on 'Synthetic integrons for continuous directed evolution of complex genetic ensembles.'
- **Jane Calvert** and **Alistair Elfick**, who together with Drew Endy have secured funding for a project on 'Synthetic aesthetics: connecting synthetic biology and creative design.'

All five of the core institutions in the Network are represented in these grants, no small achievement!

This month, a number of synthetic biology **PODCASTS** are available for your listening pleasure: First, tune in at <http://tinyurl.com/kkphqp> to hear Paul Freemont, Dick Kitney and Jane Calvert discussing synthetic biology on Radio 4's *Frontiers* programme, first broadcast on 13 July 2009 at 9 pm. For more of Paul Freemont's insights, listen to his recent Guardian podcast at <http://tinyurl.com/lobkst>. And finally, for those of you who missed out on the Royal Society/NAS synthetic biology conference in Washington in July, fear not! You can listen to the full two days of talks at <http://tinyurl.com/nzd5gq>.

COMING UP...

14–16th Sept 2009 : First annual meeting of the UK RoBSNet Network meeting, Oxford.

18–20th Oct 2009 : conference on Evolution and Design of Biomolecular Systems: Concepts and Strategies for Systems and Synthetic Biology, Illetes-Mallorca (Spain) — followed by a satellite sandpit meeting (21/22 Oct) on defining transcriptional standards

If you are running an event, have published an article, are speaking at a conference, have been awarded a grant, want to publicize upcoming activities, etc., just send details to emma.frow@ed.ac.uk by the last day of the month.