Centennial of Wilhelm Waldeyer’s introduction of the term “chromosome”

A dramatic reminder of the enormous progress that has been made in genetics within the past century is the fact that the term “chromosome” was first introduced in 1888. This reflects how little was then known about this critical component of the cell, as outlined in the accompanying historical sketch.

We are consequently very happy that Doctors Thomas and Christoph Cremer agreed to prepare this outline of historical events surrounding Heinrich Wilhelm Gottfried von Waldeyer-Hartz’s introduction of the term “chromosome.”

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