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We are very pleased to announce that William (Bill) Franklin, PhD, has become our second Co-Editor-in-Chief.

Bill got his PhD in Biophysics at Harvard University. His primary interest is in the area of DNA damage and repair and he has published some 84 original articles, book chapters and abstracts. Bill has a thorough knowledge of molecular biology and genetics and a very good knowledge of biology in general. We are very pleased that Bill has joined the Editorial Board of *Cytogenetic and Genome Research*. His help is essential now that the amount of work has increased considerably as a result of the many single topic volumes we are currently publishing and will continue to publish in the coming years (see below).

Manuscripts must now be submitted via the Internet

Authors are now required to submit their manuscripts via a simple and efficient Manuscript Processing System we have developed. This can be accessed at: <http://cytserver.aecom.yu.edu/ccg/submit/>. Successful submission is confirmed immediately by the system and a tracking number is issued for use in the event of a mishap. Authors will also receive a second confirmation via e-mail within two working days. This message will inform them of their manuscript number (not the same as the tracking number) and a password that will allow them to access their folder in the CGR Manuscript Database. They will also be informed of how their manuscript will be processed, and in those cases where the manuscript will be processed by an Executive or Associate Editor, the message will contain the Editor's name and contact information. All correspondence relating to their paper should then be addressed to that Editor via the web submission system. Copies of all e-mail messages from the Edi-

torial Office, from authors, or from members of the Editorial Board will also be put into the manuscript folder.

Therefore, the manuscript folder, accessed by the password, will serve throughout the entire processing period and will contain all the information related to that paper. Authors will be informed via e-mail when the review process has been completed so that they can examine their folder that will now contain the decision as to the acceptance of the paper for publication, recommendations of the reviewers, indications of any revisions that may be required and any other communications from the Editors.

If revisions are required, the authors will then upload their revised paper to the same folder. When the copy editing of the manuscript is completed the authors will be instructed to download their electronic "galley proof", make any corrections that are necessary, and upload it again to their folder. The folder will also contain a reprint order form customized to the particular paper indicating reprint costs and any costs for color plates or extra pages.

We are confident that this system will accelerate the entire manuscript processing procedure and will simplify all stages of the manuscript publication procedure.

Single topic issues and volumes

We are very pleased to inform our readers about a series of single topic volumes we are now publishing. For these volumes we are soliciting the assistance of one or more expert investigators to act as Guest Editors in an area that is particularly interesting and active and/or one in which there is a need for a thorough overview. The Guest Editors then invite the top researchers in the area to contribute original research reports or reviews of a topic that is in their main area of interest. These

Published and to be published single topic issues and volumes

A. Volumes that have been published or are in press

Title of single topic issue or volume	Guest editor(s)	Total no. of papers and pages	Volume, issue no. and year
Vertebrate Sex Chromosomes	Nobuo Takagi, Sapporo, Japan	46 – 352	99: 1-4 (2002)
Nucleotide and Protein Expansions and Human Disease	Josef Gécz, and Grant R. Sutherland, Adelaide, Australia	29 – 298	100: 1-4 (2003)
Third International Symposium on Vertebrate Sex Determination	Valentine Lance, San Diego, CA, USA	21 – 148	101: 3-4 (2003) This double issue
Animal Genomics	Bhanu Chowdhary, College Station, TX, USA	60 – approx. 350	102: 1-4 (2003) (In Press)
Molecular Aspects of Mouse Spermatogenesis	Ricardo Benavente, Würzburg, Germany	18 – approx. 140	103: 3-4 (2003) (In Press)

B. Issues and volumes to be published in the next few years (not necessarily in order shown)

Title of single topic issue or volume	Guest editor(s)	Anticipated year of publication
Chromosome Aberrations	Günter Obe, Essen, Germany and Adajapalam T. Natarajan, Leiden, The Netherlands	104: 1-4 (2004)
Primate Cytogenetics, Genome Organization and Evolution	Steffan Müller, München, Germany	2004
Retrotransposable Elements and Genome Evolution	Jean-Nicolas Volf, Würzburg, Germany	2004
B Chromosomes in the Eukaryote Genome	Juan Pedro Camacho, Granada, Spain	2004
Repair Proteins in Meiosis	Paula Cohen, New York, NY, USA	2004
XV International Chromosome Conference	Darren Griffin and Joanna Bridger, London, UK	2004
Mouse Genetics after the Mouse Genome	Silvia Garagna, Pavia, Italy	2005
Plant Cytogenetics	Maria Puertas and Tomás Naranjo, Madrid, Spain	2005
Hereditary Nephropathies	Klaus Zerres, Bonn, Germany	2006
Chorea Huntington	Jörg T. Epplen, Bochum, Germany	2006

papers are peer reviewed the same way as other papers received by this Journal.

In the table above we list those single topic issues and volumes that have appeared, as well as those scheduled for the next few years. We are very pleased with the very high scientific level of the volumes that have appeared and the papers we have received for forthcoming publications. We are confident many of our readers will find these publications very informative and an excellent source of reference for quite some time.

These Single Topic issues and volumes are included in the subscription to *Cytogenetic and Genome Research*. Hard or soft cover versions can also be purchased separately from the Publisher.

We very much welcome suggestions any of our readers may have for other such single topic volumes.

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