MASC Annual Meeting at the 17th Annual ICAR (June 28th-July 2nd, 2006)

Date: Thursday, June 29 Time: 5:30-7:30 pm (over dinner) Old Madison Room, 3rd Floor

1) Welcome/Round-table introduction of MASC members and meeting participants (Philip Benfey, chair) 5:35 - 5:40 pm

2) Overview of 2006 annual MASC report (Joanna Friesner) 5:40 - 5:45 pm

3) MASC discussion (P. Benfey)

1. New MASC chair/co-chair- terms of service etc. 5:45 - 5:50 pm
2. MASC Coordinator - funding/utility, goals, priorities 5:50 - 5:55 pm
3. Larger role of the MASC at midpoint of the 10 year functional genomics project (P. Benfey):
   -what does the MASC need to focus on to achieve long-term goals
   - planning discussion for upcoming year(s)
   - proposal for new subcommittee
4. Subcommittee Reports 6:10 - 6:40 pm
   1. ORFeome: Pierre Hilson, chair, attending (discussion re: renaming SC)
   2. Phenome: Eva Huala and Sean May, co-chairs, attending
   3. Proteomics: Wolfram Weckwerth, chair, attending
   5. Bioinformatics: Chris Town and Heiko Schoof, co-chairs, attending

4) The Annual MASC report (P. Benfey)

1. Utility/format of the annual report, New contacts needed? 6:40 - 6:50 pm
2. Discussion of report thermometers: ‘Measuring gene function knowledge’- utility, methodology. (E. Huala) 6:50 - 7:00 pm

5) MASC country webpages and coordinator travel for remainder of 2006 (J. Friesner) 7:00 - 7:05 pm

1. Webpage updates are the major task for the rest of 2006- need content input from countries. Those that respond first will have their pages updated first.
2. Scheduled Coordinator trips for remainder of year: ASPB, Boston (August), ISPMB, Australia (August), AFGN Tri-National meeting, Germany (September), PlantGEMS, Italy (October), possibly a trip to Japan/RIKEN. Note: between the Tri-National and Italy meetings I have a free week and plan to visit the Max Planck in Cologne to meet with researchers.

6) Update on 18th ICAR, 2007, Beijing (J. Friesner, for X.W. Deng) 7:05 - 7:10 pm

1. Recent site visit, preliminary webpage, request for proposals to be written to fund participants from individual countries. Are there suggestions for increasing participation from US/Europe?
2. Revisit discussion on extracting individual gene locus names from individuals during online abstract submission process for next ICAR; also discussion re: TAIR taking over submission process (Chris Town, E. Huala) 7:10 - 7:15 pm

7) Suggestions from MASC for Coordinator (better communication with MASC countries and other plant communities, etc.) 7:15 - 7:20 pm

8) Open floor for discussion 7:20 - 7:30 pm