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– Update –

Thank You

Kathryn Hunter has moved on from Gengage. We would like to express our gratitude for her excellent work as Network Officer and wish her all the best in her new post.

New Network Officer

Following the departure of Kathryn, we are delighted to welcome Jane Wilkin as the new Network Officer. Jane may be reached at Jane.Wilkin@ed.ac.uk or on 0131 651 4750.

Gengage Brain Bank Event

Following the success of the Brain Bank event held during the Science Festival in April, Gengage will be running another Brain Bank event at the end of November this year. More details will be published on the events section of the Gengage website as well as in the November issue of the e-bulletin.

– News –

Regulatory bodies to be cut

The 'leaked list' of 177 Quangos that have been earmarked to be cut under new government plans include several that are not good news for genetics. The list includes the **Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority**, the **Human Genetics Commission** and the **Human Tissue Authority**. All three have championed public engagement in the field of genetics.

Nobel Prize for IVF: Robert Edwards

Robert Edwards studied animal genetics in Edinburgh before moving to Cambridge. His work grows out of the strong Scottish tradition in Genetics research.

– Funding opportunities –

JISC Grant Funding 11/10: econtent Programme

JISC invites higher education institutions to submit funding proposals in 2 strands:

Strand A – Enriching via collaboration

Strand B – Developing community content

Funding of up to £100,000 per project. The closing date for applications is 10 December 2010

See: http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding_calls/2010/09/grant1110.aspx

– Recent and Upcoming publications –

Debating human genetics: contemporary issues in public policy and ethics

Dr Alexander Plows (Routledge).

Based on Plows' research into the emerging politics of human genetic technologies, the book grounds the concepts and issues of human genetics in the real life narratives and actions of patient groups, genetics watchdogs, scientists, policy makers, and many other public groups.

Medical profiling and online medicine: the ethics of 'personalised healthcare' in a consumer age

Following a two-year inquiry into direct to consumer testing, the UK's Nuffield Council on Bioethics will launch their report at a public seminar on 12 October 2010. Following the launch event the report will be available from their website.

See: <http://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/personalised-healthcare>

– October Events –

Listed below are events taking place in October

Personal Genomic Screening

21 October 2010, Birmingham Medical Institute

Nature of Genius: standing on the shoulders of giants or genes?

21 October 2010, Royal College of Music, London

Visit our website for further details
<http://www.gengage.org.uk/events.php>