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# Welcome to the Molecular Biology and Evolution Meeting 2005 co-hosted with the Genetics Society of AustralAsia

Kia ora – Welcome to New Zealand, Aotearoa. We are very pleased that so many of you have been able to join us for what we hope will be an interesting and stimulating meeting. The meeting has attracted approximately 500 visitors, the majority from overseas, some having traveled very great distances. We hope that you will have an enjoyable and productive time here in Auckland, the City of Sails.

Like all such conferences, there has been a great deal of work in putting this meeting together. The Organising Committee comprised the following people: David Lambert, Craig Millar, Lisa Matisoo-Smith, Richard Newcomb, Mike Hendy and Lesley Collins. The Conference Secretary, Monique van Rensburg, has worked tirelessly to correspond with many of you regarding your talks, posters and general issues regarding your attendance. We thank her for her efforts. Susan Wright, Joy Wood and Karen Sinclair organised travel and accommodation for invited speakers, together with all registrations. We thank them also.

Vivian Ward from the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Auckland created the logo and website graphics. Vivian was also responsible for the layout and graphics in this Conference Booklet and for the design of the conference poster and advertising for our Public Lecture Series. We are especially grateful to Vivian for taking on tasks at short notice. Photographs for the posters and the website were kindly provided by Michael Hurst. Jevon Wright was responsible for the conference homepage design and for the regular updates that were required. We thank him for his efforts. Richard Newcomb, the Genetics Society of AustralAsia representative on the Organising Committee, helped us to communicate with GSA members. We are also grateful to Richard and Susan Wright for arranging sponsorship.

We thank the session chairs for their help. Generally, we have requested New Zealand researchers to chair sessions so as to extend local hospitality to our overseas guests.

In relation to our Public Lecture Series, we thank Axel Meyer, Jim Watson and Jennifer Graves for kindly agreeing to help us extend the impact of the conference to the public of Auckland. We would also like to extend our thanks to the distinguished visitors who agreed to introduce these speakers.

Massey University's printery provided all the copies of posters and other material. We thank them for their help.

This conference would not have been possible without the support of the New Zealand Government's Centres of Research Excellence Fund, via its support for the Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution. Finally, we thank the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution and the Genetics Society of AustralAsia for the opportunity to host this important conference.

David Lambert Craig Millar June 19<sup>th</sup>, Auckland, New Zealand

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#### **INFORMATION**

#### **Registration Desk**

The conference registration desk is located in the Upper NZI foyer of the Aotea Centre and will be staffed during the following periods:

Sunday June 19th	10.00am - 5.30pm
Monday June 20th	8.30am - 5.30pm
Tuesday June 21st	8.30am - 5.30pm
Wednesday June 22nd	8.30am - 5.30pm
Thursday June 23rd	8.30am - 1.00pm

Day Fees are NZ \$150 per day and we will accept credit card, cheques and cash payments

#### Oxford University Press, Welcoming Reception

There will be a Maori Welcome at 4.30pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June in the ASB Auditorium. After this, there will be a reception for all those attending the conference, in the Air NZ foyer directly outside the auditorium.

#### **Morning Tea**

Refreshments will be provided each day of the Conference in the Upper and Lower NZI foyers between 10.30am and 11.00am, except on the opening day Sunday the 19th.

#### Lunch

Lunch will be provided for three days of the Conference (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) in the Upper and Lower NZI foyers between 1.00pm and 2.00pm.

#### **Conference Banquet**

This is being held on Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 10.30pm. The costs of this was included in your registration fee. The dinner will be held on the Lower level of the NZI wing at the Aotea Centre.

#### Message Board

A message board is located near the conference registration desk on the Upper NZI level. Messages can be left by phoning the registration desk. In case of emergency registrants can phone +64 (0)21 376 427 and leave a message.

#### Taxis and Shuttle Bus Services

Taxis and shuttle buses are available for all arriving and departing flights from both the international and domestic terminals of Auckland Airport. Taxis and shuttle bus ranks are situated outside the international terminal and in front of the domestic terminals.

The airport to central city taxi fare is approximately NZ\$60.00. Shared shuttle buses are significantly cheaper.

Shuttle buses offer economical transportation between the central city, suburbs and the airport on a 'shared ride' basis. Passengers are advised to book shuttle trips to the airport in advance.

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Those of you staying at the Carlton Hotel should be aware that a courtesy van is available from the airport and, if you arrange with them, they will collect you on arrival. Other hotels are likely to have a similar arrangement.

#### **Telephone**

There will be a phone at the registration desk which can be use by conference participants for local calls. Overseas calls are possible, by arrangement.

#### **Smoking Policy**

All our venues are all completely smokefree.

#### Medical and Health

Aotea Center staff are trained in Basic First Aid, the nearest medical centre is City Med Medical Centre on the corner of Albert St & Mills Lane in Auckland Central.

#### Safety and Security

Security personnel will be on duty throughout the conference but participants are warned not to leave their belongings unattended. The Aotea Center has a security team on site that monitor CCTV. All venues are locked at night and will only be accessible once exhibitors and conference organisers are on site each day.

#### ATM and Banking

There clostest ATM machine to the Aotea Center is a National Bank Cashpoint opposite the Aotea Centre on Queen St.

#### **Parking**

Ample parking, on an hourly or daily basis, is available under the Aotea Centre in the Civic Carpark.

#### **Internet Room**

This is located on the Upper NZI level. There will be internet ready PCs and Macintoch computers for those attending the meeting.

## **GSA and the Australian Conservation Society Student Prizes**

#### Genetics Society of AustralAsia student prizes

#### Mayo Prize

Valued at \$500 this prize is awarded for the best talk given by a PhD student at the GSA annual conference. The prize honours the contribution to GSA and, more generally, to Genetics made by Drs Jean and George Mayo.

#### **Sidney James Prize**

Valued at \$500 this prize is awarded for the best poster presentation by a Ph.D. student. The prize honours the contribution to GSA and, more generally, to genetics made by the late Dr Sid James.



#### Australian Section of the Conservation Society Prize

Awarded for the best presentation by a graduate student in conservation biology, this prize is a two year subscription to the Society for Conservation Biology, including a choice of journal subscription to either "Conservation Biology", "Conservation in Practice", or "Pacific Conservation Biology".



Further student prizes will be announced at the meeting

## PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

	Sunday, June 19th				
10.00am - 5.30pm		Registration - Aotea Centre			
1.00pm - 3.30pm	Free Lecture Series - ASB Auditorium	Axel Meyer Chance & Necessity in Evolution	Jim Watson The Evolution of Sustainability	Jennifer Marshall Graves Sex Chromosomes & the Future of Men	
4.30pm - 6.30pm	Oxfo	Welcome and Maori rd University Press We	Greeting, ASB Auditelcoming Reception,		
		Monda	y, June 20th		
8.30am - 5.30pm		Registration and Info	rmation - NZI Upper I	Foyer	
8.30am - 4.00pm		Pos	ster Setup		
8.30am - 5.30pm		Inte	rnet Room		
8.30am - 10.30am	Molecular Ecology	Genes & Gene Expression	Origin & Evolution of Photosynthetic Life	Evolution in the Pacific	
10.30am - 11.00am			rovided in NZI Foyers		
11.00am - 1.00pm	Molecular Ecology	Genes & Gene Expression	Species and Speciation	Evolution in the Pacific	
1.00pm - 2.00pm		Lunch Prov	ided in NZI Foyers		
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Molecular Ecology	Genes & Gene Expression	Species and Speciation	Rates & Dates	
4.00pm - 6.00pm	Refreshments and Poster Session in the Limelight Room				
		Tuesda	ay, June 21st		
8.30am - 5.30pm		Registration and I	nformation - NZI Foy	er er	
8.30am - 5.30pm		Inte	rnet Room		
8.30am - 10.30am	Molecular Ecology	Bioinformatics & Phylogenetic Methods	Genome Evolution	Genetics of Diseases & Human Evolution	
10.30am - 11.00am		Morning Tea P	rovided in NZI Foyers		
11.00am - 1.00pm	Agricultural Genomics	Bioinformatics & Phylogenetic Methods	Genome Evolution	Genetics of Diseases & Human Evolution	
1.00pm - 2.00pm		Lunch Prov	rided in NZI Foyer		
2.00pm - 4.00pm	Walter Fitch Symposium	Bioinformatics & Phylogenetic Methods  Genetics of Diseases & Human Evolution	Genome Evolution	Primate & Human Evolution	
4.00pm - 5.00pm	GSA Annual General Meeting and MBE Business Meeting				
7.30pm - 10.30pm	Co	onference Banquet in th	e Aotea Centre NZI Lo	ower Level	

	Wednesday, June 22nd				
8.30am - 5.30pm		Registration and Info	ormation - NZI Upper F	oyer	
8.30am - 5.30pm		Inte	rnet Room		
10.30am - 11.00am	Evolution & Development	Species & Speciation	Genome Evolution	Conservation Genetics	
10.30am - 11.00am		Morning tea pr	rovided in NZI Foyers		
11.00am - 1.00pm	Ancient Biomolecules	Origin & Evolution of Photosynthetic Life	Phylogenetics	Conservation Genetics	
	Diomolecules	Rates & Dates		Geneucs	
1.00pm - 2.00pm		Lunch prov	ided in NZI Foyers		
2.00pm - 3.00pm		GSA - MJ	D White Lecture		
3.00pm - 4.00pm		MBE -	- Nei Lecture		
6.30pm - onwards		Optional Wa	iheke Island Dinner		
	Thursday, June 23rd				
8.30am - 1.00pm		Registration and Info	ormation - NZI Upper F	- oyer	
8.30am - 1.00pm		Inte	rnet Room		
8.30am - 10.30am	Microbial Conservation Genome Evolution RNA World				
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning tea provided in NZI Foyers				
11.00am - 1.00pm	Protein Evolution	Conservation Genetics	DNA Barcoding & Biodiversity	RNA World	
1.00pm - 1.30pm	Cor	Conference Closing and Prize Giving - Lower Level NZI Foyer			

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### Genes, Evolution & Biotechnology

Date: Sunday 19th June, Time: 1.00 - 3.30pm

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Speaker: Axel Meyer

Lecture title: Chance and Necessity in

Evolution.

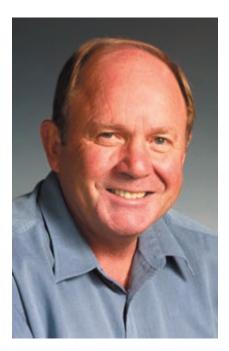
Abstract: What is the role of chance and are there rules or even laws that dictate a necessary, deterministic outcome of evolution? What are species, how different are they from each other, and do new ones originate through necessity or by chance alone? Are all types of organisms equally affected by the seemingly random doom of mass extinctions? These are old questions that continue to be debated vigorously even until today, 150 years after Darwin. In the last decade increasingly genetic information based on DNA-sequences of genes and entire genomes are used to tackle questions about the evolutionary

past of life on this planet. Seemingly random mutations afflict genes, yet, the comparative analyses of gene networks and entire genomes recently demonstrated an unexpected degree of genetic conservation even between morphologically highly divergent organisms that are separated by hundreds of millions of years of evolution. For example, "eye genes" were found to be surprisingly exchangeable between flies and mice whose eyes differ markedly, and humans and our closest relatives the chimpanzees differ by only about 1% in our genetic makeup. This raises the question of how the paradox between astonishing genomic conservation and rampant biological diversity can be solved.

**Biographical information**Professor Dr. Axel Meyer holds the chair for Zoology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Konstanz in Germany. He studied biology, chemistry and physics at the Universities of Marburg and Kiel in Germany and moved 1982 to the USA where he studied biology at the University of Miami, the University of California at Berkeley (Ph.D. 1988 in Zoology) and Harvard University. From 1988 to 1990 he held a Sloan-Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship with professor Allan C. Wilson at the Biochemistry Department in Berkeley. From 1990 to 1997 he was a professor at the Department of Ecology and Evolution at the State University of New York before he returned to Germany for his present post.

Prof Meyer is the recipient of several fellowships and prizes including a Guggenheim Fellowship, a Miller-Research Professorship at Berkeley, and the Science Prize of the Berlin Academy of Sciences.

His main research interests are the study of the origins of biological and genetic diversity, and the comparative analyses of genomes.



Speaker: Jim Watson

**Lecture title**: The Evolution of Sustainability

**Abstract**: For centuries economic development has been driven by land, climate, geography, and an ingenuity often borne out of scarce resources. The evolution of society has closely followed plant and livestock breeding, increasing agricultural intensity, and, colonisation of new territories to provide new resources for wealth creation. For the past century oil has been the dominant resource of economic growth.

Agriculture today is being shaped today by the application of the tools of modern molecular biology to use processes from living systems to increase crop diversity and yield – biotechnology - and the growing need to adopt new and

sustainable farming practices. The current practice of high fertiliser use, herbicide and pesticide application and irrigation employed to maintain high crop yields is unlikely to be sustainable without increasing damage to soils and the environment generally. And we can't ignore our oil economy and the cost of energy for the agricultural industry.

"The Stone Age did not end for lack of stone, and the Oil Age will end long before the world runs out of oil." The quotation is from Sheikh Zaki Yamani, a Saudi Arabian who served as his country's oil minister three decades ago. Sheikh Yamani first came to the world's attention during the Arab oil embargo of the United States, which began three decades ago and whose effects altered the course of modern economic and political history.

A generation after the embargo began, the facts seem plain: the world remains addicted to Middle Eastern oil. So why is Sheikh Yamani predicting the end of the Oil Age? Because he believes that something fundamental has shifted since that first oil shock. Advances in technology are beginning to offer a way for economies, especially those of the developed world, to diversify their supplies of energy and reduce their demand for petroleum, thus lossening the grip of oil and the countries that produce it.

It's biotechnology that has the potential to provide energy security and sustainability in the near future. Woody crops are a source of energy through the extraction of cellulose and lignin from woody biomass and the fermentation of cellulose to ethanol, for use as a transport fuel to replace petrol, and the use of lignin to produce chemicals and biomaterials to replace petrochemical products. They are serious challenges to the oil industry. The industry needs new woody crops and new biotechnologies to make a serious dent in the oil economy.

This talk will explore the evolution of biotechnology, energy resources and the environmental sustainability issues the next generation faces unless science provides smart solutions to economic growth and social well-being.

**Biographical information**: Dr James Watson founded Genesis Research & Development Corporation Limited, a biotechnology company 1994. He was Chief Executive until December, 2004 when he moved to the position of Chief Scientist.

He received his PhD from the University of Auckland in 1967 then worked as a postdoctoral

fellow worked at Syntex Corporation in Palo Alto, California (1967-69) and the Salk Institute (1969-75). He has held Professorships at the University of California, Irvine (1976-81) and the University of Auckland (1981-93) serving as Head of the Department of Molecular Medicine (1983–93).

His field of endeavour has been immunology.

He was a Director of the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology (1999–2002) and President of the Australasian Society of Immunology (2001). He is currently President of the Royal Society of New Zealand, a Member of the Government's Growth and Innovation Advisory Board from 2001 to 2005, and a Trustee of the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research.



## Speaker: Jennifer Marshall Graves Lecture title: Sex chromosomes and the future of men

**Abstract**: In humans and other mammals, females have two X chromosomes, and males a single X and a Y. The Y chromosome is male determining because it bears a gene (SRY) that switches on the development of testis, which pumps out male hormones. The X is a decent, ordinary chromosome, though it has more than its fair share of genes involved in male sex and reproduction – and maybe sexual behaviour and intelligence. But the Y is a genetic wasteland – small and full of genetic junk, bearing only 45 genes, mostly active only in testis.

The X and Y evolved from an ordinary chromosome pair as the Y degraded progressively. Comparing Y chromosomes between distantly related mammals, as well as their antecedents in birds and reptiles, reveals links to ancient bird/reptile sex chromosomes. The Y chromosome looks like a degraded relic of the X because most of its genes – even those with important male-specific functions – have partners on the X from which they evolved.

The human Y chromosome is running out of time. At the rate it is degrading, it will lose its last 45 genes in just 10 million years. What happens when SRY goes? Since imprinting means we can't go in for a female-only lifestyle, would this be the end of the line for our species? The good news is that SRY has been lost in at least two groups of rodents. Somewhere else in the genome, a new sex determining gene must have taken over the function of SRY. So as the human Y runs out of options, new sex determining genes may evolve, maybe leading to different hominid species.

**Biographical information**: Professor Jenny Graves' work on Australian mammals provides a unique view on the way that the human genome evolved and how it works. Geneticists use variation to test the influence of genes on characteristics – she has capitalized on the very distant relationship between humans, kangaroos and platypus to provide enough variation to study even very fundamental genetic processes, like sex and embryonic development.

One of her group's big successes was in her research on sex and sex chromosomes. It was their work on kangaroos that first showed that the prevailing hot favourite candidate for the sex determining factor was the wrong gene, and it was her PhD graduate who then went on to clone the right gene (SRY) in London. SRY is on the Y chromosome, which is present only in males. The Y is a very odd chromosome – it is small, and largely made of junk. Professor Graves' group discovered from comparisons across species that the Y is just a broken down X chromosome. It has lost most of its original 1000-odd genes at such a rate that Jenny Graves predicts that the Y will disappear in another 10 million years or so, as has already happened in some weird rodents.

Most recently, Jenny Graves has lead the effort to see that the genomes of the kangaroo and the platypus are sequenced, marshalling resources in Australia and overseas and building Australian teams and international collaborations. The genomes of these unique animals are treasure troves full of unknown genes, and information on how they work. Being able to compare sequences in and around he same genes in humans and kangaroos can identify new human genes and the signals that switch them on and off, and can also lead to the discovery of genes that control marsupial-specific characteristics that might be handy for agriculture and medicine.

## Information for Session Chairs, Speakers and Poster Presenters

#### **Session Chairs**

If you are moderating a session, please arrive 30 minutes early to ensure that audio-visual equipment is in place and functional and that all presenters are accounted for. You need also to check that their presentations have been loaded on to the resident computer. At each session, a technician will be on hand to load the speaker's files onto the resident computer and to help with any audio-visual problems. Each room will be equipped with a PC with CD drive, a USB flash drive port, a laser-pointer and a timer. Zip drives will not be available. Invited speakers have been allotted 30 minutes and contributed papers have been given 15 minutes, including time for questions. The moderator should alert speakers when 3 minutes remain (by standing) and again (verbally) when 1 minute remains. After the allocated time, speakers will have to be asked to immediately leave the podium without taking questions. Please announce this format at the beginning of the session, and please stick to the schedule. If a speaker ends early or there is a cancellation, do not introduce the next speaker until their designated time to speak.

#### **Speakers**

Oral presentations are limited to 30 minutes for invited speakers, and 15 minutes for other speakers. We suggest that invited speakers talk for 25 minutes, with 5 minutes for questions. All other presentations should be 12 minutes, with 3 minutes for questions (15 minutes, total). Please consult the program ahead of time to confirm the time and location of your talk. Only PCs with data projectors will be available for presentations in each room, with CD drives and USB flash drive ports.

Speakers in morning sessions will need to load their talk the day before, since the meeting starts at 8.30am with no prior time to do this. Speakers at the midday and afternoon sessions must check in 30 minutes before the start of your session in order to load your presentation and meet the session chair. The Internet room will be available from 8.30am-5.30pm throughout the conference, for presenters to check software compatibility. Please be sure to do this the day before your presentation. Apple (Macintosh) users should verify that their files are compatible with PowerPoint or Adobe Acrobat for Windows. Both PCs and Macs will be available in the Internet room, but only PCs will be available in each room.

#### **Poster Presenters**

The poster session is from 4pm - 6pm on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the Limelight Room (see map in your Conference Program). Please note your poster number in the Conference Program starting on page 28. On the day of the poster session you will need to pin up your poster on a display board featuring this number. You can do this from 8.30am on Monday, onwards. During the poster session, the presenting author should be standing by his/her poster. The space available for a poster is limited to 900mm wide x 1200mm high. We will supply Velcro and pins for attaching your posters to the boards.

## Special Meetings - SMBE Young Investigators' Workshop 2005

The Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution announces the third Tri-National Young Investigators' Workshop, 24 - 26 June 2005, to be held in conjunction with our annual meeting in New Zealand (19 - 23 June). Senior graduate students and postdoctoral researchers from the US, Japan, and New Zealand will be participants in the workshop. Participants will be awarded travel funds for the workshop. While the workshop is open to all fields of molecular evolution, the workshop will focus on the five following subject areas:

- 1. Epigenetics and adaptive evolution transcriptomes and proteomes
- 2. Connections between phenotype and genotype
- 3. Phylogeny, phylogeography, and geology
- 4. Hominid evolution
- 5. Genome evolution and complexity

SMBE is committed to international intellectual partnerships, and to diversity as a component of excellence in science.

Partial funding provided by SMBE, NSF, the Graduate University for Advanced Studies, and the Allan Wilson Centre.

#### Workshop Organizers:

Marta L. Wayne and Laura Katz, US Yoko Satta and Naoyuki Takahata, Japan Mike Hendy and David Penny, New Zealand

## Monday, June 20th

8.30am - Registration and Information, Upper NZI Foyer - Aotea Centre 5.30pm

8.30am - Setup Posters- Limelight Room 4.00pm

4.00pm 8.30am -	Internet Room			
5.30pm Session Chair & Location	Karen Armstrong (Lincoln University) Room NZI 4/5	Richard Newcomb (HortResearch) Room NZI 1	John Archibald (Dalhousie University) Room NZI 2	Lisa Matisoo-Smith (AWC, Auckland University) Room NZI 3
	Molecular Ecology	Genes and Gene Expression	Origin and Evolution of Photosynthetic Life	Evolution in the Pacific
8.30am	Bill Amos;  Department of Genetics, Cambridge University; Genetic archaeology: new approaches to find out who was where and when	Craig P. Hunter; Molecular and Cellular Biology, Harvard University; The Molecular Genetics of Intercellular RNA Transport in Nematodes	Robert E. Blankenship, Sumedha Gholba and Jason Raymond; Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Arizona State University, USA; The Evolutionary Transition from Anoxygenic to Oxygenic Photosynthesis and How it Changed the Earth	Rebecca Cann & Karl Diller; Dept of cell and molecular biology, University of hawaii (Manoa); Why molecular evolutionists need to reassert their independence: eurocentrism hijacks the human MSY and FoxP2
9.00am	Franziska Nittinger, Elisabeth Haring, Wilhelm Pinsker and Anita Gamauf; Museum of Natural History, Vienna, Austria; Genetic variation within the Hierofalcon complex - shared ancestral polymorphism or gene flow?	Graham Thompson, Jürgen Paar, Robert Kucharski, Ryszard Maleszka, Ben Oldroyd; University of Sydney; Molecular basis of worker sterility in the honey bee, Apis mellifera	William F. Martin; The Institute of Botany III, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany; Endosymbiotic gene transfer: A mechanism of genetic innovation unique to the eukaryotic lineage.	
9.15am	B.E. Deagle, D.J. Tollit, S.N. Jarman, M.A. Hindell, A.W. Trites and N.J. Gales; Zoology Department, University of Tasmania; Molecular scatology as a tool to study diet: analysis of prey DNA in scats from captive Steller sea lions	David M. Irwin, Shijun Yue, and Brian Tsai; Banting and Best Diabetes Centre, University of Toronto, Canada; Evolution of the Proglucagon Gene Promoter		GSA Frank E. Rheindt, Janette A. Norman, Diane L. Rowe and Les Christidis; Department of Genetics, University of Melbourne, Australia; Speciation dynamics in the Australo-Papuan region: The case of Meliphaga honeyeaters
9.30am	Oscar E. Gaggiotti; Laboratoire d'Ecologie Alpine, Université Joseph Fourier, France; Identifying the factors that influence dispersal processes and species distributions	Satoko Kaneko, Kaoru Tsuda, Kazuyuki Mekata, Kazuo Moriwaki, Naoyuki Takahata, and Yoko Satta; Department of Biosystems Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai); Rapid turnover of regulatory processed pseudogenes of Makorin1 in rodents and primates	Center for Comparative Genomics, University of Iowa, USA; Eukaryotic Plastid	Tristan Armstrong & Ross Beever; Landcare Research, New Zealand; Phylogeography of an iconic endemic: the New Zealand cabbage tree, Cordyline australis
9.45am	Neil Gemmell, Victoria Metcalf, Katherine Gomas, Patrice Irvine, and Fred Allendorf; School of Biological Sciences, University of Canterbury, New Zealand; Do Mitochondrial Mutations Affect Population Viability?	Andrew Whitehead and Douglas L. Crawford; Department of Marine Biology and Fisheries, University of Miami; Neutral and Adaptive Variation in Gene Expression		David Blair, Kim Sewell, Lester Cannon, Keith Crandall, Tim Littlewood and Susan Lawler; School of Tropical Biology, James Cook University, Australia; History of an Association: Temnocephalan Flatworms and Freshwater Crayfish in Australia and New Zealand

10.00am	Danier Barderick Iron	Kanana Maraka David Qardana	Nicola Datasa Daga Mallan	KM-Daras Dilliana Milanda
40.45	Damien Broderick, Jenny Ovenden and Rik Buckworth; Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, Queensland, Australia; Estimating harvest rates in a Spanish mackerel (Scomberomorus commerson) fishery using genetic mark-recapture	Kasper Munch, <u>Paul Gardner</u> , Anders Krogh; <u>University of</u> <u>Copenhagen, Denmark</u> ; A probabilistic method for determining transcripts from genomic tiling microarrays	Nicola Patron, Ross Waller, John Archibald, Patrick Keeling; Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, University of British Columbia, Canada; Targeting to secondary red plastids	K McBreen, D Huson, M Lysak, O Kardailsky, PA McLenachan, PB Heenan and PJ Lockhart; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Massey University, New Zealand; Using a Super Network to define the phylogenetic neighborhood of Arabidopsis thaliana
10.15am	lan M. Ehrenreich, Michael D. Purugganan; Department of Genetics, North Carolina State University, U.S.A.; The Molecular Population Genetics of the More Axillary Growth (MAX) Pathway in Arabidopsis thaliana	Wen-Hui Lee, Yan Li, Ren Lai, Sha Li, Yun Zhang, and Wen Wang; Kunming Institute of Zoology, The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), Kunming, China; Variety of Antimicrobial Peptides in the Bombina maxima Toad and Evidence of their Rapid Diversification		Andrew C. Clarke, Michael K. Burtenshaw, Patricia A. McLenachan, David L. Erickson, Bruce D. Smith, and David Penny; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Massey University, New Zealand; Prehistoric human contact between Polynesia and South America? DNA analysis of the bottle gourd
10.30am - 11.00am		Morning Tea Provid	led in NZI Foyers	
Session Chair & Location	Dianne Gleeson (Landcare Research) Room NZI 4/5	Mark Stevens (AWC, Massey University) Room NZI 1	Mike Hendy (AWC, Massey University) Room NZI 2	David Penny (AWC, Massey University) Room NZI 3
44.00	Molecular Ecology	Genes and Gene Expression	Species and Speciation	Evolution in the Pacific
11.00am	B. Smietanka, T. Kijewski, A. Burzynski, H. Hummel, R. <u>Wenne</u> ; Institute of Oceanology, Poland; Genetic differentiation of the European populations of marine mussels <i>Mytilus</i> (Bivalvia)	Nobuhiko Tanaka, Shozo Yokoyama, Kazuho Ikeo, Takashi Gojobori; National Institute of Genetics, Japan; Various adaptations for the perpetual darkness in the diversification process from an eyed surface-dwelling form to an eyeless cavedwelling form of Mexican tetra, Astyanax mexicanus, by cDNA microarrays	GSA Pia Langhoff, Allen Rodrigo, Astrid Authier, Thomas Buckley, John Dugdale, Richard Newcomb; Molecular Olfaction Group, HortResearch, New Zealand; Speciation genes and barcoding in native NZ leafroller moths	Anya E. Hinkle; Department of Integrative Biology, University and Jepson Herbaria, USA; Population structure and reproductive biology of the ti plant (Cordyline fruticosa) with implications for Polynesian prehistory
11.15am	Margaret Byrne, Carole Elliott, Colin Yates, David Coates; Department of Conservation and Land Management, Australia; Impact of Fragmentation on Patterns of Gene Flow in Eucalyptus Wandoo and Calothamnus quadrifidus in Western Australia	Marta L. Wayne, Sergey V. Nuzhdin, and Lauren McIntyre; Department of Zoology, University of Florida, USA; Section of Ecology; Additivity and trans-acting effects on gene expression	Kendall D. Clements, Sarah L. Eyton, C. Scott Baker, Danielle A. Hannan and Tony J.R. Hickey; School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Radiation and speciation in the New Zealand triplefin fishes	Melanie Pierson, Neil Gemmell, Matthew Hurles, Barbara Holland; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, University of Canterbury, New Zealand; MtDNA genomes and the peopling of the Pacific
11.30am	Stephen F. Chenoweth; School of Integrative Biology, University of Queensland, Australia; Using QST-FST comparisons to detect divergent natural selection on quantitative traits: an evaluation in a system of natural populations	Kazuya Yuge, Kazuho Ikeo and Takashi Gojobori; National Institutes of Genetics, Japan; Analysis of sexual dimorphism of gene expression in mouse brain	Anthony Hickey; School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland; Allopatric speciation in the marine realm: an explanation of New Zealand's triplefin fish (Family Tripterygiida) diversity?	Dan Schmidt, Roger Grund, Jane Hughes; Centre for Riverine Landscapes, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Griffith University, Australia; East-west relationships in Australia revisited: genealogical concordance among three threatened Ogyris butterflies restricted to southeastern and southwestern Australia.
11.45am	Lincoln H Schmitt, Christopher N Newbound, Susan Hisheh, Maharadatunkamsi,Richard A How; School of Anatomy & Human Biology, The University of Western Australia; Geography and population structure in the bats of Wallacea	R. Haygood, J. P. Balhoff, W. J. Nielsen, and G. A. Wray; Biology Department, Duke University, USA; Polymorphism and divergence in regulatory regions of sea urchin genes		GSA Mark de Bruyn, John C. Wilson and Peter B. Mather; School of Natural Resource Sciences, Queensland University of Technology, Australia; Molecular phylogeography of Macrobrachium rosenbergii: diversification mediated by climate change or plate tectonics?

12.00pm 12.15pm	Susan Hisheh, Greg Cozens, Richard A How and Lincoln H. Schmitt; School of Anatomy & Human Biology, The University of Western Australia; Rats on the rocks: Decline in diversity in Kimberley island populations of Zyzomys woodwardi  Abraham Passmore, Simon Jarman , Kerrie Swadling, Andrew McMinn and So	GSA Karin S. Kassahn, M. Julian Caley, Alister Ward, Ross H. Crozier; School of Tropical Biology, James Cook University, Australia; Thermal stress in reef fish: insights from a microarray study  GSA A.R. Anderson and S.W. McKechnie; Centre for	Raincrow, Jody Hey; Department of Genetics, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, U.S.A.; Persistence of ancestral polymorphisms in the cichlid species flock of Lake Malawi  Leonie C. Moyle and Elaine B. Graham;	Ecology and Evolution, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand; Of ancient relics and travellers across the oceans  Abby Harrison; University Of Oxford, England;
40.200	Kawaguchi; Institute of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies, University of Tasmania; DNA as a dietary biomarker: Lessons from Antarctic krill?	Environmental Stress and Adaptation Research (CESAR) Monash University, Australia; Microarray and QTL analysis of Chill Coma recovery selection in Drosophila melanogaster	Center for Population Biology, University of California, U.S.A.; Comparative genomics of hybrid incompatibility among Lycopersicon (Solanum) species	Hepatitis B virus in the Pacific: Coevolution, Codivergence, or Coincidence
12.30pm	Tammy Steeves, David Anderson and Vicki Friesen; School of Biological Sciences, University of Canterbury, New Zealand; A role for non-physical barriers to gene flow in the diversification of a highly vagile pantropical seabird, the masked booby (Sula dactylatra)	Jean-Vincent Chamary and Laurence D. Hurst; Department of Biology and Biochemistry, University of Bath, United Kingdom; Selection at silent sites in mammalian genes	Luisa Orsini, Helena Koivulehto and Ilkka Hanski; Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland; A multi-gene approach to resolve molecular phylogeny of Malagasy dung beetles	Hong Shi, Yong-li Dong, Bo Wen, Chun-Jie Xiao, Peter A. Underhill, Pei-dong Shen, Ranajit Chakraborty, Li Jin and Bing Su; Kunming Institute of Zoolgy, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China; Y Chromosome Evidence of Southern Origin of the East Asian Specific Haplogroup O3-M122
12.45pm	C. Cam Mui, Sevki Erdogan; University of Hawai`l, USA; GIS and Gene Flow	Mark M Tanaka, Roland R Regoes, Shane Crotty, Rustom Antia; School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences, University of New South Wales, Australia; Optimal replication of positive-strand RNA viruses within cells: a life-history theory point of view	GSA Christopher N. Newbound, Susan Hisheh, Maharadatunkamsia, Richard A. Howa, Lincoln H. Schmitt; School of Anatomy and Human Biology, University of Western Australia; Phylogeny of the Dog- faced fruit bats of the genus Cynopterus	Cassar Olivier, Capuano Corinne, Meertens Laurent, Chungue Eliane, Martin Paul, Gessain Antoine; Laboratoire de Microbiologie et Environnement de l'Institut Pasteur de Nouvelle-Calédonie Human T-cell Leukemia Virus type 1 (HTLV-1) distribution in Vanuatu Archipelago, Melanesia
1.00pm - 2.00pm		Lunch Provided	in NZI Foyers	
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	Molecular Ecology	Genes and Gene Expression	Species and Speciation	Rates and Dates
2.00pm	Colm Carraher, Franz Pichler, C Scott Baker; School of Biological Sciences. Auckland University. Auckland, New Zealand; Mitogenomics of coastal and oceanic dolphins in the Southern Hemisphere	GSA Helena J. Bailes, A.E.O. Trezise, W.L. Davies and S.P. Collin; School of Biomedical Sciences, The University of Queensland, Australia; The molecular basis of spectral tuning in visual pigments of the Australian lungfish (Neoceratodus forsteri)	Thomas L. Turner, Matthew W. Hahn, & Sergey V. Nuzhdin; Center for Population Biology, University of California; Genomic Islands of Speciation in Anopheles gambiae	Michael D Hendy; Allan Wilson centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand; Rates and Dates
2.15pm	Luciano B. Beheregaray, Ning L. Chao, Adalgisa Caccone, Shannon Corrigan, Luciana M. Möller, Joanna Wiszniewski; Department of Biological Sciences, Macquarie University, Australia; Comparative Phylogeography and Patterns of Diversification in Amazonian Flooded Forest Fishes	GSA <u>Vanessa Kellermann</u> , Ary A. Hoffmann and Carla M. Sgrò; Centre for Environmental Stress and Adaptation Research, University of Melbourne, Australia; Breaking evolutionary limits: The role of Hsp90 in adaptive evolution	Atsushi Ogura, Daniel L. Hartl; Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University; Genomic diversity and speciation of <i>Drosophila</i> Species	

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2.30pm	GSA Line Kolind Bay, Ross H Crozier and M Julian Caley; School of Marine Biology and Aquaculture, James Cook University, Australia; Genetic structure and demographic bottlenecks in a metapopulation of coral reef fishes	GSA Ariadne Tan-Kristanto, David Heckel and Phil Batterham; Bio Molecular Science and Biotechnology Institute, University of Melbourne, Australia; Expression and Sequence Analyses of Lepidopteran Lipase Genes	Belinda Appleton, Les Christidis and Jakob Fahr; Department of Genetics, University of Melbourne, Australia; Cryptic diversity of the African bent-wing bats	David P. Mindell, Joseph W. Brown, and Joshua S. Rest; Dept. of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology and Museum of Zoology, University of Michigan, USA; Dates and changing rates of sequence evolution among avian orders
2.45pm	GSA Amy Gilchrist; School of Biological Sciences, University of Sydney, Australia; What makes a honey be scout?	GSA John Humphries, Sharon Orford and Jeremy Timmis; School of Molecular and Biomedical Sciences, The University of Adelaide, Australia; Analysis of genes involved in cotton fibre initiation	Jody Hey, Yong-Jin Won Arjun Sivasundar and Yong Wang; Department of Genetics, Rutgers University, On the Origin of Lake Malawi Cichlid Species : a Population Genetic Analysis of Divergence	Anne C. Stone, Laura A. Salter, George H. Perry Jr. Evan Trudeau and Hsiuman Lin; Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University; Analysis of complete mtDNA sequences in Pan
3.00pm	GSA Melanie Lancaster, Paul Sunnucks and Simon Goldsworthy; La Trobe University, Australia; Temporal changes in species composition and hybridisation in a fur seal population on Macquarie Island	GSA Sarah C. Brown and N. Louise Glass; Department of Plant and Microbiology, University of California, USA; Microarray analysis of vegetative incompatibility in Neurospora crassa	Laura A. Katz, Oona L.O. Snoeyenbos-West, Autumn Griffin, Kate Pirog, Wilhelm Foissner, Barbara Costas, George B. McManus; Department of Marine Sciences, University of Connecticut, USA; Reframing the microbial "Everything is Everywhere" debate: Evidence for high gene flow and diversity in ciliate morphospecies	Emma C. Teeling, Mark S. Springer, Ole Madsen, Paul J. J. Bates, Stephen J. O'Brien, William J. Murphy; Department of Zoology, University College Ireland; A molecular time scale for bats investigates the missing fossil record and illuminates the evolution of echolocation in bats
3.15pm	GSA Chester Sands, Ryan Garrick, Mark Blacket, David Rowell and Paul Sunnucks; Department of Genetics, La Trobe University, Australia; Comparative phylogeography of Onychophora from the Gourock Range, NSW	Douglas L. Crawford; Rosenstiel School of Marine Sciences; University of Miami; USA; Functional Genomic: microarrays and physiological performance in Fundulus	Hiromi Sawai, Yoko Satta and Naoyuki Takahata; Department of Biosystems Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, Japan; The origin of high polymorphism in domestic chickens	Russell D. Gray, Adrian M. Paterson, Kerri-Anne Edge and Allan J. Baker; Department of Psychology, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Origin and Expansion of Penguins Out of Antarctica
3.30pm	GSA Susana Caballero, Fernando Trujillo, Juliana A. Vianna, Héctor Barrios, Sandra Beltrán, María Gabriela Montiel, Fabrício R. Santos, Miriam Marmontel6, Marcos Cesar de Oliveira -Santos, Marcos Rossi-Santos, and C. Scott Baker; School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Phylogeography of the South American Coastal and River Dolphin Sotaliasp.: Diving into the Amazonian Biodiversity	Issa Medraj, Frank Smith, Jane Hughes and Zhihong Xu; AES Griffith University, Australia; Isolation of phosphate transporters from Hoop Pine (Araucaria cunninghamii Aiton ex D. Don) trees	Mary Morgan-Richards and Steve Trewick; Allan Wison Centre, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand; Hybrid origins of a parthenogenetic genus?	Jerel Davis; Department of Biological Sciences, Stanford University, USA; Protein Evolution in the Context of <i>Drosophila</i> Development
3.45pm	GSA Amber Beavis and Dave Rowell; Division of Botany & Zoology, Australian National University, Australia; A phylogeographic study of two undescribed species of funnel web spider (Araneae: Mygalomorphae: Hexathelidae) from alternative habitat niches in the Tallaganda region (New South Wales, Australia)	Xue-bin Qi, Su Yang, Hong-kun Zheng, Yin-qiu Wang, Cheng- hong Liao, Ying Liu; Kunming Institute of Zoology, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, China; Detecting Darwinian Positive Selection in Brain-expressed Genes during Human Evolution	GSA Jane Hughes, Giovanella Carini, Joel Huey, Mia Hillyer, Andrew Baker and Mark Ponniah; Centre for Riverine Landscapes, Griffith University, Australia; Estimates of the timing of separation of two major drainages in central Australia inferred from mitochondrial DNA sequence data from six obligate freshwater species	Sheila van Holst Pellekaan, June Roberts-Thomson and Rosalind Harding; School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences, University of New South Wales, Australia; Mitochondrial haplogroups in aboriginal Australians
4.00pm - 6.00pm	Refres	shments Provided During POS	TER SESSION In Limelight	Room

## **Tuesday June 21st**

8.30am -5.30pm 8.30am -5.30pm Session Chair & Location

### Registration and Information

**Internet Room** 

5.30pm				
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	Molecular Ecology	Bioinformatics and Phylogenetic Methods	Genome Evolution	Genetics of Diseases and Human Evolution
8.30am	Ak Prashanth; UC Davis Genome Centre; Socio-Behavioral variation and rapid evolution: DNA duplex destabilization at regulatory DNA microsatellites as an underlying mechanism	Axel Meyer; Department of Biology, University of Konstanz, Germany; The evolution cichlids and their genomes: from trees to comparative genomics	Jennifer Marshall Graves; Comparative Genomics Research Group, The Australian National University; Exploring the genomes of weird mammals	Hamish Spencer; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, University of Otago, New Zealand; Polymorphism of Imprinting Status: What does it mean?
9.00am	GSA Gabriela de Tezanos Pinto, K. Russell, A. Hutt, G. Stone, M. Oremus, C. Garrigue, C. Olavarria, D. Steel and C. S. Baker; The University of Auckland, New Zealand; Population structure and genetic diversity of coastal bottlenose dolphins (Tursiops truncatus) in New Zealand: a world-wide perspective	Thomas M. Keane, Thomas J. Naughton, James O. McInerney; Bioinformatics and Pharmacogenomics Laboratory, National University of Ireland; DPRmI-II: A High-throughput Phylogenetics Platform	Kate Johnston, Patrick Dicker, Richard Edwards & Denis Shields; Bioinformatics Core Group, Department of Clinical Pharmacology, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; The Evolution of Specificity	Sara L. Sawyer, Lily I. Wu, Michael Emerman, Harmit S. Malik; Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, USA; Positive selection of the primate TRIM5a gene tailors its antiviral efficiency
9.15am	GSA Danielle A. Hannan, Anthony J. R. Hickey, Kendall D. Clements; School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland; Hybridisation between New Zealand triplefin fishes (family Tripterygiidae)	Tae-Kun Seo, Hirohisa Kishino and Jeffrey L. Thorne; Professional Programme for Agricultural Bioinformatics, University of Tokyo, Japan; Incorporating gene-specific variation when inferring and evaluating optimal evolutionary tree topologies from multilocus sequence data	Matthew W. Hahn; Center for Population Biology, University of California, Davis, USA; Estimating the Tempo and Mode of Gene Family Evolution from Comparative Genomic Data	William Klitz, Martin Maiers and Loren Gragert; National Marrow Donor Program, University of California, USA; A Global Assessment of Population Level Selection in the MHC: Evidence for Strong and Pervasive Effects
9.30am	GSA <u>Vimoksalehi Lukoschek;</u> School of Tropical Environment Studies and Geography, James Cook University, Australia; Phylogeographic structure of the olive seasnake, Aipysurus laevis (Hydrophiidae) indicates recent expansion event from Pleistocene refugia	Thomas R. Buckley, Jim Wilgenbusch, Mark Holder, and David Swofford; Landcare Research, Auckland, New Zealand; Measures of Phylogenetic Support on Large Data Sets	Shintaro Iwashita, Sadao Ueno, Hiroshi Yasue, Naoki Osada, and Katsuhiro Fukuta; Mitsubishi Kagaku Institute of Life Sciences, National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences, Nagoya University, and National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Japan The time frame of creation of the ruminant-specific paralogous bucentaur (p97bcnt) gene: gene duplication and RTE-1 radiation	L.L. Feng, J. Liu, N Bains, K.K. Lau, R.J. Bryson- Richardson, D. Fatkin, M.A. Wouters; The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute, Australia; A Computational Pipeline for the Rapid Identification of Candidate Disease Genes
9.45am	GSA Simon D. Song, Richard Drew, Jane Hughes; Australian School of Environmental Studies, Griffith University, Australia; A population analysis of the wild tobacco fly, Bactrocera cacuminata (Diptera: Tephridae: Dacinae), using microsatellite markers	Barbara R. Holland, Vincent Moulton; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand; Weighted Consensus networks: Combining information from many gene loci	B.G. Fry, S.F.R. Ramjan, J. Norman; Australian Venom Research Unit, University of Melbourne, Australia; From genome to 'venome': The molecular origin and evolution of the snake venom proteome.	Rod A Lea; The Institute of Environmental Science and Research Ltd. Wellington, New Zealand; Genetic Structure of the Maori Population: Prospects for Disease Gene Mapping

10.00am 10.15am	Angela McGaughran, lan Hogg, Mark Stevens; Allan Wilson Centre, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand; Phylogeographic patterns for springtails and mites throughout southern Victoria Land, Antarctica: a Pleistocene and Holocene legacy of repeated cycles of glacial refugia and range expansion  F.D. Frentiu, S. M. Clegg, M. W. Blows, I. P. F. Owens	Matthew Goode, Stèphane Guindon, Allen Rodrigo; Bioinformatics Institute, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Modeling Time-Dependent Changes in Codon Selection Pressure using Serially Sampled Sequence Data  Ingo Ebersberger, Petra Galgoczy, Stefan Taudien,	Naoko Takezaki, Shin-ichi Nakamura, Akinobu Okabe, and Osamu Matsushita; Information Technology Center, Kagawa University, Japan; Frequent domain organization changes in the evolution of clostridial collagenases  Katherine Belov, Hannah Siddle, Janine Deakin;	Sistonen Johanna, Fuselli Silvia, Barbujani Guido and Sajantila Antti; Department of Forensic Medicine, University of Helsinki, Finland; Molecular variation and genetic structure of variable drug response in a worldwide population sample  Andrew Laurie and Peter George;
	and T. A. Burke; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of California, USA; Molecular-marker assisted estimates of quantitative inheritance: a test case in a wild bird population	Simone Taenzer, Rüdiger Lehmann, Matthias Platzer and Arndt von Haeseler; WE Informatik, Heinrich- Heine-Universität Düsseldorf Germany; Towards a map of our genetic ancestry	Centre for Advanced Technologies in Animal Genetics and Reproduction, University of Sydney, Australia; Unraveling the MHC of marsupials	Molecular Pathology, Canterbury Health Laboratories, New Zealand; High frequency of disease- causing mutations in the LDL-receptor gene
10.30am - 11.00am Session	Richard Newcomb	Morning Tea provid	ed in NZI Foyers  Russell Snell	Hamiah Spanaar
Chair & Location	(HortResearch) Room NZI 4/5	(Otago University) Room NZI 1	(ViaLactia Biosciences)  Room NZI 2	Hamish Spencer (AWC, Otago University) Room NZI 3
	Agricultural Genomics	Bioinformatics and Phylogenetic Methods	Genome Evolution	Genetics of Diseases and Human Evolution
11.00am	Theresa Wilson; AgResearch MBU, University of Otago, Dunedin New Zealand; Genomics of Livestock: the New Century	Murray R. Grigor; Bioinformatics Institute, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Evolution of lipocalin genes: Accelerated gene evolution at evolutionarily fragile genomic regions	Uwe Maier; Philipps-University Marburg, Germany; Primary, secondary and tertiary endosymbiosis	Hong-liang Liu, Yin-qiu Wang, Cheng-hong Liao, Yi-qun Kuang, Yong-tang Zheng and Bing Su; Kunming Primate Research Center, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Kunming, Yunnan, China; Adaptive Evolution of Primate TRIM5a Gene Restricting HIV-1 Infection
11.15am		Éena Jakó; Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary; Relatedness of tRNAs to class I/II aminoacyl- tRNA synthetase families, detected by using a discrete mathematical approach		Brett Easton; Mathematical Sciences Institute Australian National University, Australia; Identifying compensatory substitutions for pathogenic mutations via a non- reversible model
11.30am	Adam Williams; Genetics Department, University of Melbourne, Australia; Gene manipulation in Helicoverpa armigera	Martyn Kennedy, Barbara R. Holland Russell D. Gray and Hamish G. Spencer; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, University of Otago, New Zealand; Untangling Long Branches: Identifying Conflicting Phylogenetic Signals using Spectral Analysis, Neighbor-Net, and Consensus Networks	Andrea Fuehrer, Ingo Paulsen, Arndt von Haeseler; Department of Bioinformatics, University of Duesseldorf, Germany; Maximum-Likelihood Estimation of Gene Duplication- and Deletion- Rates	Sean Myles, Kun Tang, Mark Stoneking; Department of Evolutionary Genetics, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany; Detecting the signature of local positive selection using genome-wide SNP data from 3 human populations
11.45am	GSA Emilie Cameron, Stuart Gilchrist and John Sved; Fruit Fly Research Centre, University of Sydney, Australia; Queensland Fruit Fly in Northwestern Australia: Determining outbreak parameters	James O. McInerney and Christopher J. Creevey; Bioinformatics Laboratory, National University of Ireland; Performance of Maximum Likelihood analysis of concatenated data and Supertree methods when horizontal gene transfer is present	Frank Grützner, Willem Rens, Enkhjargal Tsend-Ayush, Nisrine El- Mogharbel, Patricia C.M. O'Brien, Russell C. Jones, Malcolm A. Ferguson-Smith and Jennifer A. Marshall Graves; Research School of Biological Sciences, Australian National University; In platypus a ten membered meiotic chain links mammal and bird sex chromosomes	R. Davies, SJ. Conroy, W.L. Davies, I.C. Potter and Ann E. O. Trezise; School of Biomedical Science, University of Queensland, Australia; Evolution and Regulation of the Cystic Fibrosis Gene

12.00am	GSA Sean MacEachern, John McEwan, Andrew Mather, Alan McCulloch, Paul Sunnucks and Mike Goddard; Department of Genetics, La Trobe University, Australia; Within and between species DNA sequence variation: Testing the neutral theory of evolution with genomic data from Bos taurus and Homo sapiens	University of Singapore, Singapore; The Most General Markov Substitution Model on an	Huifeng Jiang, Zhenglong Gu, Dongyuan Liu and Wen Wang; Kunming Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China; Rapid Evolution in a Pair of Recently Duplicated Segments of Rice	Brian C. Verrelli, Cecil M. Lewis, Sarah A. Tishkoff, and Anne C. Stone; Center for Evolutionary Functional Genomics, The Biodesign Institute and School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, USA; Contrasting evolutionary histories at human and chimpanzee G6PD and OPN1LW genes
12.15pm	Yael Salzman; Stanford University, USA; Gene truncation by a transposable element leads to pesticide resistance in <i>D.</i> melanogaster	Tim White, Ravikumar Gaddam, Simon Hills and David Penny; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution; Finding the Tree-est Explanation for Molecular Sequence Data	Edda Koina, Cristina L. Walcher, Christine M. Disteche, Jennifer Marshall Graves; ARC Centre for Kangaroo Genomics, The Australian National University, Australia; Characterization of the Marsupial MECP2 Gene	Eric T. Wang, Greg Kodama, Pierre Baldi, & Robert K. Moyzis; Department of Biological Chemistry, University of California,USA; Global Landscape of Recent Inferred Darwinian Selection for Homo sapiens
12.30pm	Amanda Chamberlain, Theo Meuwissen, Michael Goddard; Primary Industries Research Victoria, Australia; Estimation of the distribution of QTL effects	William R. Atchley; Department of Genetics and Center for Computational Biology, North Carolina State University, USA; Solving the protein sequence metric problem	Mike Macpherson, Daniela Witten, Aaron Hirsh and Marcus Feldman; Department of Biological Sciences, Stanford University, USA; The Power of Neutrality Tests To Detect a Partial Selective Sweep from Polymorphism Data	Teruaki Watabe, Hirohisa Kishino, and Yasuhiro Kitazoe; Center of Medical Information Science, Kochi University, Japan; Dissecting evolution of influenza HA + Fab biding ability
12.45pm	Ishminder K. Mann, Joy K. Roy and Om P. Rajora; Forest Genetics and Biotechnology Group, Dalhousie University, Canada; Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management, University of New Brunswick, Canada; Comparative Functional Genomic Analysis of Black Spruce (Picea mariana) Expressed Genes	Michael Charleston, Russell Gray and Mahé Ben Hamed; Department of Psychology, University of Auckland; Pareto-Parsimony and Historical Linguistics	William J. Murphy, Denis M. Larkin, Annelie Everts- van der Wind; Department of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences, Texas A&M University, USA; Dynamics of Mammalian Chromosome Evolution Inferred From Multispecies Comparative Maps	GSA Jess Hayward, Allen Rodrigo, John Taylor; School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, New Zealand; The Molecular Epidemiology of Feline Immunodeficiency Virus in New Zealand's Domestic Cats
1.00pm - 2.00pm		Lunch provided	in NZI Foyers	
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	Walter Fitch Symposium	Bioinformatics and Phylogenetic Methods	Genome Evolution	Primate and Human Evolution
2.00pm	Bejon Kumar Bhowmick, Naoyuki Takahata and Yoko Satta; Department of Biosystems Science, The Graduate University for Advance Studies (Sokendai), Japan; Evolution of human male- specific Y-linked (MSY) genes	David Welch, Geoff Nicholls, Allen Rodrigo, Wiremu Solomon; University of Auckland, New Zealand; Building and fitting models of coupled host-virus genealogies	Masafumi Nozawa, Masahiko Kumagai, Tadashi Aotsuka, and Koichiro Tamura; Department of Biological Sciences, Tokyo Metropolitan University, Japan; Genome-wide explosion of a repeat sequence during the evolution of the Drosophila ananassae subgroup	Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany; Gorilla population genetics – The nuclear perspective
2.15pm	Tamara Sirey; University of Auckland/ The Horticulture and Food Research Institute of NZ, Auckland, New Zealand; Effects of differential gene regulation on mate recognition and speciation in a species complex of New Zealand native leafroller moths	Scotland C. Leman, Yuguo Chen, Jason E. Stajich, Mohamed A. F. Noor, and Marcy K. Uyenoyama; Duke University, USA; A likelihood-based approach to inferring population parameters from multiple summary statistics	Phillip Smith; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Massey University, Albany, New Zealand; Conditional Neutrality as a Potential Cancer Therapy	Susan E. Ptak, David A. Hinds, Kathrin Koehler, Birgit Nickel, Nila Patil, Dennis G. Ballinger, Molly Przeworski, Kelly A. Frazer, Svante Pääbo; Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany; Fine-scale recombination patterns differ between chimpanzees and humans

2.30pm	Slim Sassi;	James Cotton and Mark	Andrew M. Schurko, KariAn	Quentin D. Atkinson, Simon J.
2.45	University of Florida USA; The past as a key to unlock the future: The resurrection of ancestral proteins to elucidate the function of Seminal Ribonuclease	Wilkinson; The Natural History Museum, London, UK; Inferring Trees from Trees : Investigating properties of Supertree Methods	Lee and John M. Logsdon, Jr.; Roy J. Carver Center for Comparative Genomics, University of Iowa, USA; Meiotic genes in bdelloid rotifers provide evidence for sex	Greenhill and Russell D. Gray; Department of Psychology, University of Auckland, New Zealand; If Our Genes Could Talk: Reconstructing human population history with genetic and linguistic data
2.45pm	Bryan Kolaczkowski; University of Oregon, USA; Phylogenetic mixed- models for incorporating evolutionary heterogeneity	Greg Ewing, Geoff Nicholls and Allen Rodrigo; Bioinformatics Institute, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Coalescent-based estimation of population parameters when the number of demes change over time	Nick Coleman and Andrew Holmes; School of Molecular and Microbial Biosciences,	Ines Hellmann; Max-Planck-Institute of Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany; Evolutionary constraint on silent sites within the hominoid lineage
3.00pm	Simon Ho; Evolutionary Biology Group, Dept of Zoology, University of Oxford; Phylogenetic inference in a relaxed clock framework	To be advised	Jeremy N. Timmis; Department of Molecular Biosciences, The University of Adelaide, Australia; Cytoplasmic organellar DNA has contributed massively to the genetic complexity of the nucleus during endosymbiotic evolution	David Allen Hughes and Mark Stoneking; Max Plank Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany; Genomic Investigations of Local Selection in Humans
	Kelly Dyer; Dept of Biology, University of Rochester, USA; Molecular evolution of an intra-genomic arms race: X-chromosome meiotic drive in Drosophila recens	Genetics of Diseases and Human Evolution  A.P. Kozlova, L. Krukovskajaa, D. Poleva, I. Duhovlinova, Y. Nosovaa, Y. Galachyantsa, N. Samusika, T. Tyezelovab, A. Baranovaa; The Biomedical Center, St.Petersburg, Russia; Expression of Evolutionary New Sequences in Human Tumors	Fumi Tsujino and Etsuko T. Matsuura; Department of Biosystems Science, the Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai), Japan; Evolution of BCL-2 homologs in insects	Ana Rebelo Marques, Isabelle Dupanloup, Nicolas Vinckenbosch, Alexandre Reymond, and Henrik Kaessmann; Center for Integrative genomics, University of Lausanne, Switzerland; Emergence of young human genes after primate burst of retroposition
3.30pm	Stefanie De Bodt; Dept of Plant Systems Biology, University of Ghent, Belgium; Modeling the birth and death of genes in Arabidopsis thaliana to explain plant evolution and complexity	1 gene	Austen R.D. Ganley and Takehiko Kobayashi; National Institute for Basic Biology, Japan; Identification of geneindependent noncoding elements in the ribosomal RNA repeats by phylogenetic footprinting: Implications for concerted evolution	Sarah A. Tishkoff, M. Katherine Gonder, Floyd A. Reed, Holly Mortensen, Jibril Hirbo, Brenna M. Henn, Uma Ramakrishnan, R. Alec Knight, Peter A. Underhill, Joanna L. Mountain; Department of Biology, University of Maryland, USA; Origins of click-speaking populations in Africa inferred from mtDNA and Y chromosome data
3.45pm	Lesley Collins; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand; Cutting it in the RNA world: The Spliceosome and Splicing in Ancestral Eukaryotes	Jack da Silva; School of Molecular and Biomedical Science, The University of Adelaide, Australia; Simulating Realistic Selection at the Molecular Level: A Method and its Implementation with HIV-1	Karen D. Crow-Sanchez; Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Yale University; The "fish specific" Hox cluster duplication is coincident with the origin of teleosts	Floyd A. Reed, James L. Weber, and Sarah A. Tishkoff; Department of Biology, University of Maryland, USA; The demographic pattern of human populations in Africa inferred from genome-wide genetic markers
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7.30pm -10.30pm

#### **Conference Banquet Lower NZI Level**

## Wednesday June 22nd

8.30am -5.30pm 8.30am -5.30pm Session Chair & Location

#### Registration and Information

#### **Internet Room**

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Clive Evans (Auckland University) Room NZI 4/5	Jonathan Waters (University of Otago) Room NZI 1	Leon Huynen (AWC, Massey University) Room NZI 2	Mark Hauber (Auckland University) Room NZI 3
Evolution and Development	Species and Speciation	Genome Evolution	Conservation Genetics
Peter Dearden; Biochemistry Department, Otago University; Segmentation in the Honeybee; not just another fly!	GSA Gaynor Dolman and Craig Moritz; School of Integrative Biology, University of Queensland, Australia; Demographic history and divergence among a trichotomy of Australian rainforest endemic skinks	Paul Datson and Brian Murray; Horticulture and Food Research Institute of New Zealand; Variable substitution rates of nrDNA in relation to locus number in Nemesia	Richard Frankham; Department of Biological Sciences, Macquarie University; Genetics and Extinction
	GSA Siu-Fai Lee, Matthew Morgan, Choon-Wei Wee, Philip Batterham and David Heckel; Centre for Environmental Stress and Adaptation Research (CESAR), The University of Melbourne, Australia; Comparative linkage mapping in Lepidoptera	Jerel C. Davis, Onn Brandman, Penka V. Markova, Dmitri A. Petrov; Departments of Biological Sciences, Stanford University, USA; Do Disparate Mechanisms of Duplication Contribute Similar Types of Genes to the Genome?	
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Kaori Kuno, and Naoyuki Takahata; Department of Biosystems Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai),	School of Animal Biology, University of Western Australia, 35 Stirling Hwy, Crawley, Western Australia; Population structure of	Kohn, Horst Hameister, Jennifer A. Marshall Graves; Research School of Biological Sciences, The Australian National University; Testing the hypothesis that bird sex chromosomes are depleted of cancer genes	GSA Tom Kashiwagi & Jenny Ovenden; School of Integrative Biology, University of Queensland, Australia; Genetic population structure in tropical sharks between Indonesia and northern Australia
Steven F Field Maria Y	Mark Ponniah and Jane M	GSA James Fong Janine	GSA Dominique P. Sigg, Anne
Bulina, Ilya V. Kelmanson, Joseph P. Bielawski and Mikhail V. Matz; Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience, University of Florida, USA; Molecular paleontology	Hughes; Australian School of Environmental Studies, Griffith University, Australia; Exploring the biogeographic factors responsible for the	Deakin, Margaret Delbridge and Jennifer A. Marshall Graves;	W. Goldizen, and Andrew J. Lowe; School of Integrative Biology and The Ecology Centre, University of Queensland, Australia; Strong evidence
Philipp Khaitovich Ines	Linda Neaves Kvall Zenger	GSA Anna MacDonald	GSA Kym Ottewell, Steve
Hellmann, Wolfgang Enard, Katja Nowick, Marcus Leinweber, Henriette Franz, Gunter Weiss, <u>Michael</u>	Ern Snaith and Des Cooper; Department of Biological Sciences, Macquarie University, Australia;	Stephen Sarre & Nancy FitzSimmons; Applied Ecology Research Group, University of Canberra, Australia; The evolution of microsatellite DNA: Testing models of mutation in an Australian marsupial	Donnellan, David Paton; University of Adelaide; Pollen-mediated gene flow amongst scattered Eucalyptus camaldulensis trees in an agricultural landscape
	Clive Evans (Auckland University) Room NZI 4/5  Evolution and Development  Peter Dearden: Biochemistry Department, Otago University: Segmentation in the Honeybee; not just another fly!  Yasuhiro Go, Yoko Satta, Kaori Kuno, and Naoyuki Takahata; Department of Biosystems Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai), Japan; Reduced repertoires of olfactory receptor genes in water-life mammals, Cetacea  Steven F. Field, Maria Y. Bulina, Ilya V. Kelmanson, Joseph P. Bielawski and Mikhail V. Matz; Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience, University of Florida, USA; Molecular paleontology suggests adaptive evolution of color diversity in corals  Philipp Khaitovich, Ines Hellmann, Wolfgang Enard, Katja Nowick, Marcus Leinweber, Henriete Franz, Gunter Weiss, Michael Lachmann and Svante Pääbo; Max Planck Institute for Evolution in the Genomes and Transcriptomes of	Clive Evans (Auckland University) Room NZI 4/5  Evolution and Development  Peter Dearden; Biochemistry Department, Otago University, Segmentation in the Honeybee; not just another fly!  GSA Gaynor Dolman and Craig Moritz; School of Integrative Biology, University of Queensland, Australia; Demographic history and divergence among a trichotomy of Australian rainforest endemic skinks  GSA Siu-Fai Lee, Matthew Morgan, Choon-Wei Wee, Philip Batterham and David Heckel; Centre for Environmental Stress and Adaptation Research (CESAR), The University of Melbourne, Australia; Comparative linkage mapping in Lepidoptera  Yasuhiro Go, Yoko Satta, Kaori Kuno, and Naoyuki Takahata; Department of Biosystems Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (Sokendai), Japan; Reduced repertoires of olfactory receptor genes in water-life mammals, Cetacea  Steven F. Field, Maria Y. Bulina, Ilya V. Kelmanson, Joseph P. Bielawski and Mikhail V. Matz; Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience, University of Florida, USA; Molecular paleontology suggests adaptive evolution of color diversity in corals  Philipp Khaitovich, Ines Hellmann, Wolfgang Enard, Katja Nowick, Marcus Leinweber, Henriette Franz, Gunter Weiss, Michael Lachmann and Swante Pääbo; Max Planck Institute for Evolution in the Genomes and Transcriptomes of Svangaros in the wild Evidence of putative hybrid grey kangaroos in the wild	Clive Evans (Auckland University) Room NZI 4/5  Evolution and Development  Peter Dearden; Biochemistry Department, Otago University; Segmentation in the Honeybee; not just another fly!  GSA Gaynor Dolman and Craig Moritz; School of Integrative Biology, University; Of University; Segmentation in the Honeybee; not just another fly!  GSA Siu-Fal Lee, Matthew Morgan, Choon-Wei Wee, Philip Batterham and David Heckel; Centre for Emvironmental Stress and Adaptation Research (CESAR). The University of Melbourne. Australia; Demographic history and divergence among a trichotomy of Australia; Demographic history and divergence among a trichotomy of Australia; Demographic Nistory and divergence among a trichotomy of Australia; Demographic Nistory and David Heckel; Centre for Emvironmental Stress and Adaptation Research (CESAR). The University of Melbourne. Australia; Demographic Nistory of Invited Provided Prov

9.45am	Billie J. Swalla; Biology Department, University of Washington, USA; Man is but a worm Evolution of the Chordates	Hayley Sharp and <u>Dave</u> <u>Rowell;</u> School of Botany and Zoology, Australian National University, Australia; Unprecedented chromosomal diversity and meiotic behaviour in an Australian huntsman spider	Andrew Kern; University of California, USA; Recurrent deletion and gene presence/absence polymorphism: telomere dynamics dominate DNA evolution at the tip of 3L in Drosophila melanogaster and D. simulans	GSA Sean Byars; Melbourne University; Plant trait variability and gene flow along altitudinal gradients as a measure of stress, adaptation and response of alpine plants to climate change
10.00am	Ann E. O. Trezise, M.A. Knight, W.L. Davies, H.J Bailes, T.J.Lisney, I.C. Potter, D.M. Hunt & S.P. Collin; School of Biomedical Sciences, The University of Queensland, Australia; Molecular Evolution of the Vertebrate Visual System: Colour vision came first!	Anthony J. Greenberg, Sarah Moorhead and Chung-I Wu; Department of Ecology and Evolution and Committee on Genetics, The University of Chicago, USA; Molecular population genetics of racial differentiation in D. melanogaster	Misha Lipatov, Peter F Arndt, Terence Hwa and Dmitri A Petrov; Department of Biological Sciences, Stanford University, USA; A novel analysis of single- nucleotide substitutions in the human genome	GSA R. C. Garrick, C. J. Sands, D. M. Rowell, P. Greenslade P. Sunnucks; Department of Genetics, La Trobe University, Australia; Phylogeography of a log-dependent endemic Australian springtail (Collembola) – a multigene approach
10.15am	Kimberley C Snowden, Bart J. Janssen , Kerry R. Templeton, Joanne L. Simons, Revel S.M. Drummond, Toshi Foster, Cyril Brendolise; HortResearch, Auckland, New Zealand; Control of axillary branching in Petunia	Julia J. Day; Department of Biological Sciences, Imperial College London, United Kingdom; Speciation and diversification in the Lake Tanganyika cichlid tribe, Lamprologini	Ondrej Podlaha; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan, USA; In search of functional "pseudogenes"	Hilary C. Miller, Katherine Belov, Scott V. Edwards, Charles H. Daugherty; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Victoria University. New Zealand; Evolution of MHC genes in an ancient reptilian order, Sphenodontia (tuatara)
10.30am - 11.00am		Morning Tea Prov	rided in NZI Foyers	
Session Chair & Location	Craig Millar (AWC, Auckland University) Room NZI 4/5	Peter Lockhart (AWC, Massey University)	Kirsten Donald (AWC, Otago University)	Shane Lavery (Auckland University)
Location	ROOM NZI 4/5	Room NZI 1	Room NZI 2	Room NZI 3
Location	Ancient Biomolecules	Origin and Evolution of Photosythetic Life	Phylogenetics	Conservation Genetics
11.00am		Origin and Evolution of		

11.30am 11.45am	Christina M. Nielsen-Marsh; Department of Human Evolution, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany; The use of proteomics in the analysis of surviving proteins in fossil bone  Carol Hartley, Robyn Russell, Allan Devonshire, David Yeates, John La Salle, Richard Newcomb, John Oakeshott; HortResearch, Auckland, New Zealand; Reconstructing the	Christopher E. Lane, Melissa MacKinnon, Hameed Khan, Anna Fong, and John M. Archibald;  Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Dalhousie University, Canada;  The nucleus and nucleomorph of cryptomonad algae—two extremes of a genomic continuum	M. S. Bulmer and R. H. Crozier; School of Tropical Biology, James Cook University, Australia; Positive selection in termite relish  Heidi M. Meudt, Peter J. Lockhart, and Phil Garnock- Jones; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand; Rapid speciation in the New Zealand alpine	Lara Shepherd & David Lambert; Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, Albany, Massey University; Ancient DNA reveals contrasting past levels and patterns of genetic diversity in New Zealand kiwi species  Dianne M. Gleeson, Robyn Howitt, Andrea Byrom; Ecological Genetics Laboratory, Landcare Research, Auckland, New Zealand; Improving the accuracy of DNA-based methods for estimating population
12.00am	evolutionary history of insecticide resistance  Alan Cooper, Mike Bunce,	Min Chen, Roger Hiller,	flora: Phylogeography of the genus <i>Ourisia</i> (Plantaginaceae)  Von Bing Yap and Terry	parameters of vertebrate pests  Olivia Holland, Phil Cowan,
	Simon Ho, Beth Shapiro; Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Adelaide, Australia; Using ancient DNA to analyse macro and micro- evolutionary processes	and Anthony Larkum; School of Biological Sciences, The University of Sydney, Australia; Evolution of chlorophyll antenna complexes in oxyphotobacteria	Speed; Department of Statistics and Applied Probability, National University of Singapore; Rooting Phylogenetic Trees with Nonreversible Substitution Models	Clearly Chamley & Dianne Gleeson; Landcare Research Auckland, New Zealand; Possums on the pill: Immunocontraception and MHC variation in New Zealand possums
12.15pm	Frantz Depaulis, L. Orlando, V. Ung and C. Hänni; Fonctionnement et Evolution des Systèmes Ecologiques, France; Population genetics of temporally interspaced data: an application on cave bear ancient DNA		N. Murphy, V.W. Framenau, S. Donellan, M.S. Harvey, A.D. Austin; Centre for Evolutionary Biology & Biodiversity, The University of Adelaide, Australia; How many times did the wolves lose their web? A molecular phylogeny of the <i>Lycosidae</i> (Araneae)	Marc Oremus, Helen Kettles, Dorothea Heimeier, Debbie Steel and C. Scott Baker; Population Genetics and Evolution Research Group, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Death on the Beach: Genetic Investigation into Mass Strandings of Long- finned Pilot Whales
12.30pm	David Lambert, Craig Millar, Lara Shepherd, Leon Hynen; Allan Wilson Centre, Massey University, Albany, New Zealand; Ancient ecology of the extinct huia	Rates and Dates  Jonathan Waters, Chris Burridge, Graham Wallis, Richard Norris, and Dave Craw; Department of Zoology, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; Geological Dates and Evolutionary Rates: Using River Vicariance to Pinpoint the Pace of Molecular Change	Dorothy Steane, Susan Foster, René Vaillancourt and Brad Potts; Cooperative Research Centre for Sustainable Production Forestry, and School of Plant Science, University of Tasmania; Genotypes and phenotypes: reconstructing the phylogeographic evolution of the Tasmanian blue gum, Eucalyptus globulus (Myrtaceae).	Jenny Ovenden, Raewyn Street, David Peel, Samantha Peel, Tony Courtney, Heather Podlich, Kaye Basford and Simon Hoyle; School of Land and Food Sciences, The University of Queensland and CSIRO Marine Science, Australia; Genetic Estimates of the Effective Population Size: A New Data Source For Fisheries Resource Assessment?
12.45pm		Chris Burridge & Jonathan Waters; Department of Zoology, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; River capture, range expansion, and cladogenesis: a multispecies approach to freshwater phylogeography	Rob Smissen and Ilse Breitwieser; Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research, New Zealand; Chloroplast and nuclear rDNA reticulation among species of the Asteraceae genera Leucogenes (New Zealand edelweiss) and Raoulia	Anne Fischer, Joshua Pollack and Svante Paabo; Max-Planck Institut for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany; Population history of chimpanzees and bonobos
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2.00pm	Ary Hoffman; Using DNA ma	rkers for environmental mon	Nhite Lecture itoring: from <i>Drosophila</i> genonitoring aquatic pollutants	es monitoring climate change
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### **Thursday June 23rd**

8.30am -

Registration and Information

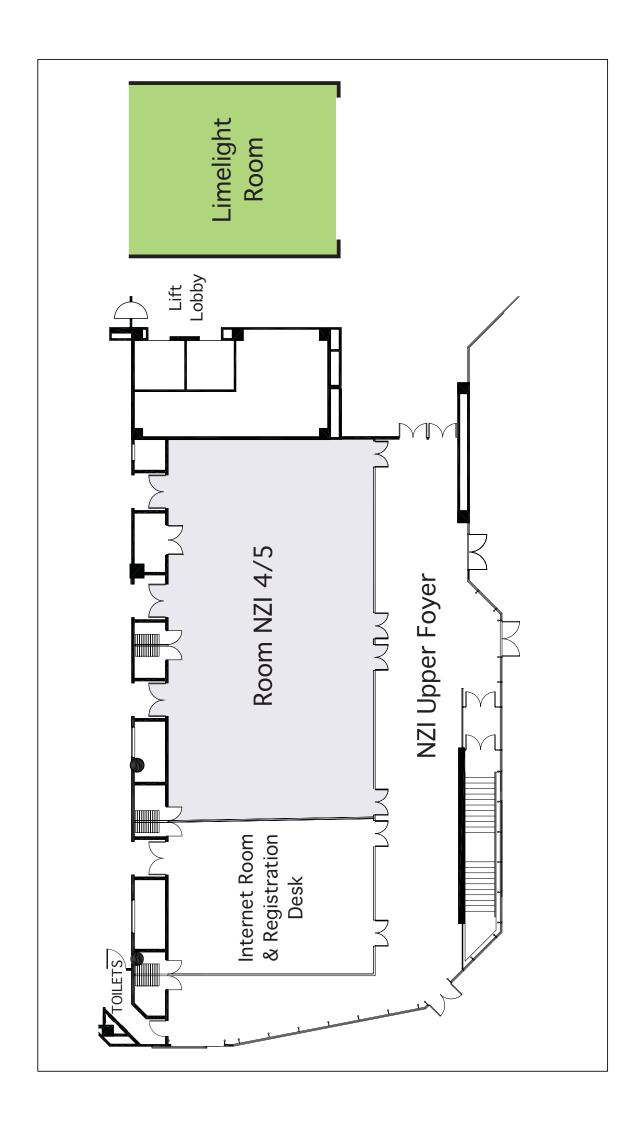
1.00pm 8.30am -**Internet Room** 1.00pm Leon Huynen Session **Craig Millar** Shelly Ball David Lambert (AWC, Auckland University) (AWC, Massey University) Chair & (Lincoln University) (AWC, Massey University) Location Room NZI 4/5 Room NZI 1 Room NZI 2 Room NZI 3 **Microbial Evolution Conservation Genetics Genome Evolution RNA World** 8.30am Paul Rainey; Om P. Rajora; Faculty of Forestry Martin A. Lysak; John Mattick; University of Queensland; School of Biological Sciences, and Environmental Management. Jodrell Laboratory, Royal University of Auckland, New University of New Brunswick Botanic Gardens, UK The hidden layer of noncoding RNA in the Zealand Canada; Genetic Impacts of Genome evolution in **Extensive pleiotropy** Forest Harvesting and Renewal crucifers (Brassicaceae) evolution and development of complex organisms underlies the evolutionary **Practices and Forest Fires** transition from single cells in Canadian Forest Trees: to simple undifferentiated Implications for Conservation and Sustainable Management groups of Forest Genetic Resources 8.45am Meaghan Rourke, Jennifer Lade, Andrea Taylor, Brett Ingram; School of Biological Sciences. Monash University Conservation and management of genetic diversity in Murray cod (Maccullochella peelii peelii). 9.00am GSA Luke G. Barrett, Peter Oliver Berry & Dianne M. Janine E. Deakin, Robert David Penny; H. Thrall, Jeremy J. Burdon Gleeson; Mason and Jennifer A. Allan Wilson Center for Institute of Molecular & Marlien van der Merwe; Marshall Graves; Molecular Ecology and Centre for Plant Biodiversity BioSciences, Massey University, ARC Centre for Kangaroo Evolution, Massey University, Research, CSIRO - Plant Genomics, The Australian Palmerston North, New Palmerston North, New Zealand; Industry, Australia; **Distinguishing historical National University** Zealand; A comparison of fragmentation from a recent The Marsupial Dystrophin RNA-world and deep pancontinental patterns population decline in skinks eukaryote evolution - the Gene of virulence in the rust from New Zealand role of theory fungus Melampsora lini with genetic variation as assessed by AFLP and SSR markers 9.15am Vickery L. Arcus, Paul B. GSA Eleanor O'Brien: M. Pilar Francino: Rainey and Susan J. Turner; Lawrence Berkeley National School of Animal Biology, University of Western Australia; AgResearch Structural Laboratory, USA; Biology Laboratory, University Strategies to conserve adaptive An adaptive radiation of Auckland, New Zealand; genetic variation within model for the origin of new The PIN-domain toxinrestored populations of plant gene functions antitoxin array in species Mycobacteria 9.30am GSA Melinda Pickup, Andrew T.H. Bowers, N.M. Reid, S.M. Nadia D. Singh, Jerel C. Christina L. Burch; Foote and T.R. Stuthridge; Young and Dave Rowell, Davis and Dmitri A. Petrov; Department of Biology, **Eco-Smart Technologies** School of Botany and Zoology, tanford University, USA University of North Carolina, Scion, Rotorua, New Zealand; Australian National University; X-linked genes evolve USA; 16S rDNA and nifH gene Testing the home-site higher codon bias Is Eigen's 'Error Threshold' **Clone Library Analysis** advantage: Local adaptation in Drosophila and relevant for RNA virus of a Nitrogen Fixing Pulp and success of transplanted Caenorhabditis populations? and Paper Waste Water populations of Rutidosis **Treatment System** leptorrhynchoides (Asteraceae) 9.45am GSA Clare E. Holleley, William Dusan Kordis, Nika Lovsin, Tal Dagan, Ran Blekhman, and Franc Gubensek; B. Sherwin, Richard A. Nichols; and Dan Graur School of Biological, Earth Department of Biochemistry Department of Zoology, Tel and Environmental Sciences, and Molecular Biology, Josef University of New South Wales, Aviv University, Israel; Stefan Institute, Slovenia The "Domino Effect" of Australia Phylogenomic analysis of Gene Death in Bacterial Rapid origin of heterosis in the L1 retrotransposons in recently isolated laboratory Genomes vertebrates populations of Drosophila melanogaster

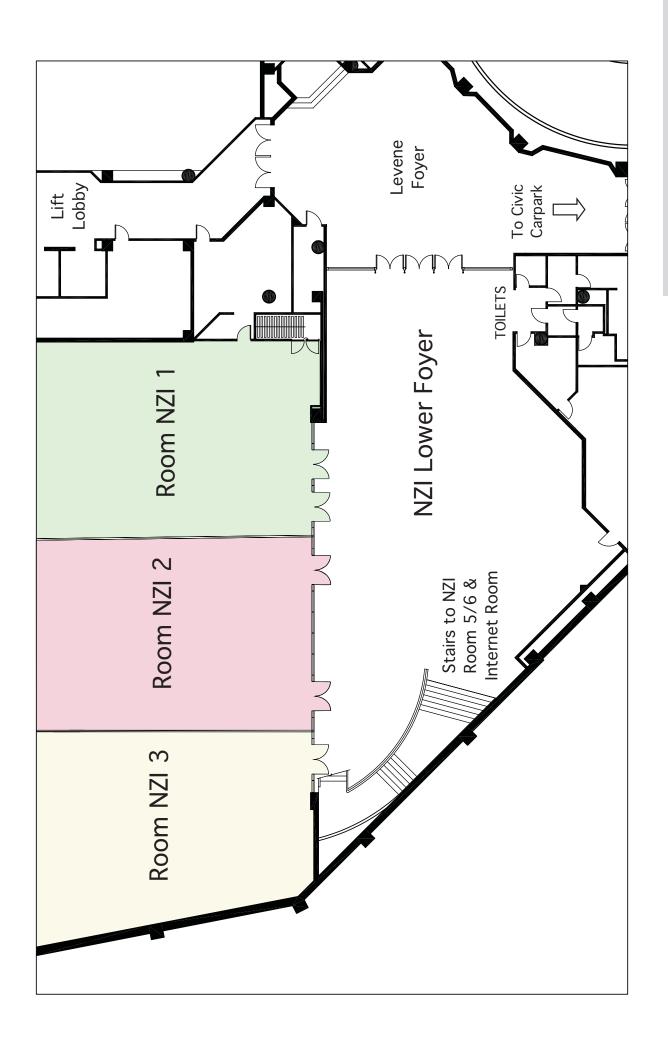
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10.00am	Hsiao Nai-hua, Cammy M. Kao, David W. Weaver and Ralph Kirby; Department of Life Science, National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan; Analysis of Actinomycetales evolution by microarray genomotyping	GSA Linda Broadhurst, Andrew Young, Peter Thrall and Brian Murray; CSIRO Plant Industry, Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research, Australia; All that glitters is not Gold Dust Wattle	Simon A. Travers and Mario A. Fares; Molecular Evolution and Bioinformatics Laboratory, National University of Ireland, Ireland; Uncovering new cofactor-interacting regions in Heat-shock proteins (Hsps) using inter-molecular coevolutionary analyses	Anthony Poole & Derek Logan; Department of Molecular Biology & Functional Genomics, Stockholm University, Sweden; Modern mRNA proofreading & repair: clues that the Last Universal Common Ancestor (LUCA) possessed an RNA genome?
10.15am	Molecular Ecology  GSA Karen Sommerville, Maurizio Rossetto and Alex Pulkownik; Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Technology Sydney. Australia; Genetic structure and diversity in populations of the vulnerable saltmarsh plant, Wilsonia backhousei – implications for habitat restoration efforts	GSA Dorothea Heimeier, Kirsty Russell, Padraig Duignan, Greg Stone, Alistair Hutt, C. Scott Baker; School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, New Zealand; Diversity of expressed MHC class I and class II genes in the New Zealand endemic Hector's dolphin	Dee R. Denver and Michael Lynch; Department of Biology, Indiana University, USA; Evolution of Eukaryotic Mismatch Repair Systems	
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	Protein Evolution	Conservation Genetics	DNA Barcoding and Biodiversity	RNA World
11.00am	Jeffrey Mower; Department of Biology and School of Informatics Indiana University, USA; Quick and Accurate Prediction of RNA Editing Sites in Plant Mitochondrial Genes	GSA Steve Smith and Jane Hughes; Centre for Riverine Landscapes, Griffith University, Australian; Genetic basis of the population recovery plan for the western barred bandicoot (Perameles bougainville): low variation reinforces the need for population augmentation and management	Paul Herbert; Department of Integrative Biology & Biodiversity Institute of Ontario, University of Guelph; DNA Barcodes and Biodiversity	Rob Knight; Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Colorado, USA; How abundant are functional RNAs in random- sequence pools?
11.15am		GSA Stephanie L. Hazlitt, Anne W. Goldizen and Mark D.B. Eldridge; School of Integrative Biology, University of Queensland, Australia; Spatial genetic structure analyses provide the first evidence for matrilineal structuring in a macropod marsupial		
11.30am	Irene Horne and Victoria S. Haritos; Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO), Australia; Evolution of a lipase gene cluster in Drosophila	GSA Hannah Siddle , Janine Deakin, Katherine Belov; Centre for Advanced Technologies in Animal Genetics and Reproduction, University of Sydney, Australia; Characterization of class I MHC genes from the tammar wallaby (Macropus eugenii)	Christopher Lane; Centre for Evolutionary Marine Algal Research, University of New Brunswick, Canada; When to Check Your Barcode: An Example From the Kelp Genus Alaria (Laminariales, Phaeophyceae)	Mike Yarus; Cellular and Developmental Biology, University of Colorado Boulder, USA; Evolution of the translation apparatus

Takashi Makino and Takashi Gojobori; Center for Information Biology and DNA Data Bank of Japan, National Institute of Genetics, Japan; The evolutionary rate of a protein influenced by features of the interacting partners  Department of Integrative Biology, Brigham Young University, USA; Physicochemical Evolution and Molecular Adaptation of the Cetacean and Artiodactyl Cytochrome b Proteins  Mazuharu Misawa and Reiko F. Kikuno; Chiba Industry, Advancement Center, Japan; A Diagonal Method for Estimating the Rates of Codon Substitutions  GSA David Field, Andrew Young, Rob Whelan, David Ayre; Centre for Plant Biodioversity Research, CSIRO Plant Industry, Australia; Hybrid Happy or Hardly Hybridising?  David Coates, Colin Yates, Carole Elliott, Margaret Byrne and Jane Sampson; Department of Coates Sampson; Department of the Environment and Heritage, Australia; Stamantaria, Confidence in biological identifications made by comparing DNA sequences  Roger P. Hellens, Cas Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch, Auckie Zealand; Exploring the val introns that reside non-coding sequences  Roger P. Hellens, Cas Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch, Auckie Zealand; Exploring the val introns that reside non-coding sequences  Roger P. Hellens, Cas Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch, Auckie Zealand; Exploring the val introns that reside non-coding sequences  Roger P. Hellens, Cas Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch, Auckie Zealand; Simon Jarman Australia; Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch, Auckie Zealand; Simon Jarman Australia; Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch, Auckie Zealand; Simon Jarman Australia; Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch, Auckie Zealand; Simon Jarman Australia; Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch, Auckie Simon Jarman Australia; Betty Chung and Chri HortResearch,	s Brown; nd, New ue of within
Department of Integrative Biology, Brigham Young University, USA; Physicochemical Evolution and Molecular Adaptation of the Cetacean and Artiodactyl Cytochrome b Proteins    Mary Department of Conservation and Artiodactyl Cytochrome b Proteins   Carole Elliott, Margaret Byrne and Jane Sampson; Department of the Environment and Heritage, Australia; Population size and isolation are key factors influencing mating systems, reproductive output and persistence in fragmented populations of the bird pollinated Calothamnus quadrifidus and generalist pollinated Eucalyptus wandoo   Chiba Industry Advancement Center, Japan; A Diagonal Method for Estimating the Rates of Codon Substitutions   High genetic structure and hybridization on a micro-	s Brown; nd, New ue of within
Kazuharu Misawa and Reiko F. Kikuno; Chiba Industry Advancement Center, Japan; A Diagonal Method for Estimating the Rates of Codon Substitutions  HC Hauffe, C Vernesi, E Pecchioli, B Crestanello, F Davoli, D Caramelli, G Bertorelle; Centre for Alpine Ecology, Trento, Italy; High genetic structure and hybridization on a micro-  Shane Lavery, Howard Ross, Mary Sewell, Allen Rodrigo, C. Scott Baker; School of Biological Sciences, University of Auckland, New Zealand; DNA is not a barcode:	
species of the Italian Alps and the importance of phylogenetic relationships	
Tsuyoshi Tanaka, Yoshio Tateno and Takashi Gojobori; Genome Research Departiment, National Institute of Agribiological Science (NAIS), Japan; Number of protein-protein interaction but not protein-low-weight molecule interaction affects evolutionary rates of proteins involved in a metabolic network  Tsuyoshi Tanaka, Yoshio Tateno and Takashi Gojobori; Allan Wilson Centre, Massey University, Albany, New Zealand; Phylogeography of extinct and extant populations of Sphenodon reptiles in New Zealand  Science (NAIS), Japan; Number of protein-protein interaction but not protein-low-weight molecule interaction  affects evolutionary rates of proteins involved in a metabolic network  Tsuyoshi Tanaka, Yoshio Tateno Alay & David Lambert; Allan Wilson Centre, Massey University, Albany, New Zealand; Phylogeography of extinct and extant populations of Genetics, La Trobe University, Australia; High-throughput species identification for effective biomonitoring	inismic ology, USA;
Adriana Maria Montaño, Naoyuki Takahata and Yoko Satta; Department of Biosystems Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies, Japan; Origin of peptidoglycan recognition proteins in vertebrates  Adriana Maria Montaño, Naoyuki Takahata and Yoko Satta; Sumana Maria Montaño, Sumana Maria Montaño, Gunasekera, Felicity McEnnulty and Nicholas J Bax; CSIRO Marine Research Laboratories, Tasmania; Development of genetic probes for rapid assessment of the impacts of marine invasive species on native biodiversity  — Maoricolpus roseus  Shelley Ball and Karen Armstrong; National Centre for Advanced Bio-Protection Technologies, Lincoln University, New Zealand; Biotype biodiversity supported and revealed by DNA barcoding	
1.00pm Conference Closing and Prize Giving - Lower NZI Foyer	

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## Poster Session - Limelight Room

No.	Presenter	Authors	Poster Title
1	Alansari	Aliya Alansari, Aisha Al-Khayat, Andrew Spalton, Khamis Al-Dafry & Shoaib AL- Zadjali.	The molecular genetics of the Arabian leopard: preliminary study.
2	Alsop	A. Alsop, M. Wakefield, K-J. Wei, J. Deakin, E. Koina, K.R. Zenger, C. Wang, D.W. Cooper & J. Graves.	An integrated cytogenetic map of the tammar wallaby.
3	Baldo	Laura Baldo, Nathan Lo & John H. Werren.	The mosaic nature of the Wolbachia surface protein.
4	Beiko	Robert G. Beiko, Timothy J. Harlow & Mark A. Ragan.	Genome partners at the prokaryotic dance.
5	Bilgmann	Kerstin Bilgmann, Luciana M. Möller, Robert G. Harcourt, Catherine M. Kemper, Susan E. Gibbs & Luciano B. Beheregaray.	Comparative population genetic structure of bottlenose and common dolphins in South Australian waters.
6	Blair	David Blair, Kim Sewell, Lester Cannon, Keith Crandall, Tim Littlewood & Susan Lawler.	Mitochondrial DNA diversity in the invasive tropical marine mussel, <i>Perna viridis</i> and differentiation from other <i>Perna</i> species.
7	Brown*	Sarah C. Brown & N. Louise Glass - GSA.	Microarray analysis of vegetative incompatibility in <i>Neurospora crassa</i> .
8	Cai	James Jing Cai, David K. Smith, Xuhua Xia & Kwok-Yung Yuen.	MBEToolbox: a matlab toolbox for sequence data analysis in molecular biology and evolution.
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51	Lasser	Elyse Lasser, Frances Terry, Jessica Grant and Laura A. Katz.	Diversity of amoebae among eukaryotes: insights from multigene analyses.
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55	Lee	Clare Lee.	The three-dimensional structure of anthranilate phosphoribosyl transferase, TrpD, from <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> .
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The Antarctic Centre awaits with a snow cat ride through a landscape of snow, ice and subzero temperatures to see real King and Gentoo penguins.

#### New Zealand National Maritime Museum

Located on the waterfront, the New Zealand National Maritime Museum tells the story of 1000 years of New Zealand's seafaring history. The museum features include an America's Cup display, restored sailing boats and displays giving a fascinating account of New Zealand's maritime heritage.

#### **Auckland War Memorial Museum**

Located in the middle of Auckland Domain, with sweeping views over the harbour and Hauraki Gulf, the museum is a fantastic place for a visit.

Enjoy a glimpse into New Zealand history and the opportunity to see New Zealand's largest collection of Polynesian artefacts. Two new Pacific galleries, Masterpieces and Lifeways, house the museum's world famous collection.

A Maori cultural performance is held three times daily introducing the legends, songs and dances of New Zealand's indigenous Maori people.

#### Golf

Auckland has more than 40 golf courses all within one hour's drive of the city. Golf packages can be arranged which include hotel transfer, green fees, golf equipment, and coaching from a golf professional.

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#### Sky City Auckland

Sky City is New Zealand's largest casino and entertainment complex situated in the heart of Auckland city. It is also home to Sky Jump, a 192m (630ft) base jump by wire from Auckland's Sky Tower, while Vertigo is a climb inside the Sky Tower mast to the open air crow's nest 300m above sea level.

#### **Auckland City Sights**

Sightseeing tours around the city offer a great overview of Auckland's highlights with informative commentaries on history and points of interest





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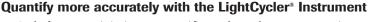
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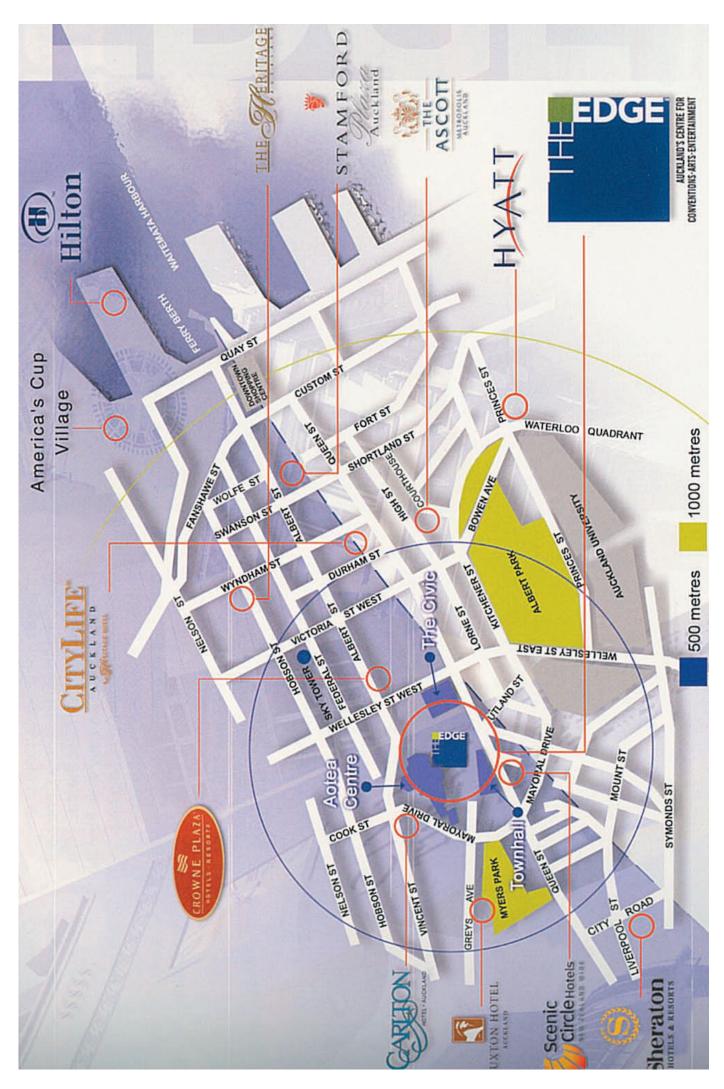
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# Evolution 2007

### Auckland, New Zealand June 18th - 22nd

#### The Venue and Location

The conference venue for Evolution 2007 is the Aotea Centre in central Auckland, New Zealand. This is New Zealand's premier conference centre and is a modern state of the art facility.

Auckland offers a diverse range of hotels, attractions and touring options. Auckland is a city of more than one million people, with a beautiful harbour, beaches and hiking in lush bush in close proximity. Auckland International Airport is serviced by most major international airlines.

Travelling to New Zealand is more affordable than you may think!

#### **Evolution 2007**

The 2007 Evolution meeting will be jointly sponsored by the Society for the Study of Evolution, The Society of Systematic Biology and the American Society of Naturalists. Evolution 2007 will be held June 18th - 22nd in Auckland, New Zealand.

The conference will be hosted by the Allan Wilson Center for Molecular Ecology and Evolution (www.http://awcmee.ac.nz).

For inquires or further information please contact D.M.Lambert@massey.ac.nz

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the organizing committee I would like to invite you to attend the next Evolution Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, 2007. This will be a broadly based conference of interest to those researching or teaching in evolution. Your participation will be greatly appreciated and I urge you to start planning for this event now. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

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David Lambert

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Chair of the Organising Committee





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