

To Whom it May Concern:

RE: AGBT meeting overview - DE-FG02-05ER63944

The 8th annual Advances in Genome Biology & Technology “AGBT” meeting was held February 7-10, 2007 in Marco Island, Florida. This year's meeting focused on the latest advances in new DNA sequencing technologies and the applications of genomics to disease areas in biology and biomedicine. Daytime plenary sessions highlighted cutting-edge research in areas such as complex genetic diseases, comparative genomics, medical sequencing, massively parallel DNA sequencing, and synthetic biology. Technical approaches being developed and utilized in contemporary genomics research were presented during evening concurrent sessions. Also, as in previous years, poster sessions bridged the morning and afternoon plenary sessions.

In addition, for the third year in a row, the AGBT meeting was preceded by a pre-meeting workshop that aimed to provide an introductory overview for trainees and other meeting attendees. This year, speakers at the workshop focused on next-generation sequencing technologies, including their experiences, findings, and helpful advice for others contemplating using these platforms in their research. Speakers from genome centers and core sequencing facilities were featured and the workshop ended with a roundtable discussion, during which speakers fielded questions from the audience.

This year's meeting attracted approximately 406 attendees, of which 116 individuals submitted abstracts. The abstracts have been published in the AGBT conference program.

Sincerely,

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