

# People

## Appointments

### New President of TurboWorx named

TurboWorx (<http://www.turboworx.com/>), a leader in high-performance computing solutions for the life science industry, has announced the appointment of Jeffrey Augen as its new President. Augen joins TurboWorx from IBM, where he was responsible for managing relationships with key capitalists and planning new ventures for its Life Sciences business unit. Augen is thrilled to have been chosen to lead TurboWorx, which he thinks stands out from other biotech companies. 'They possess a tremendous amount of intellectual property and a highly talented, in many cases brilliant, team of people,' he said. 'I see a huge opportunity to continue building on their technology and to increase their footprint in the life sciences computing infrastructure market.'

### George Poste becomes chair of Orchid BioSciences

After two years on the Board of Directors, George Poste has become chairman of Orchid BioSciences (<http://www.orchid.com/>), a provider of services and products for profiling genetic uniqueness. During his career, Poste has made many connections within the pharmaceutical industry and been involved with the registration of 29 drugs and vaccines worldwide. He is a member of the Defense Science Board (<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dsb/>) of the US Department of Defense, where he chairs the Task Force on Defense Against Bioterrorism. He is also non-executive chairman of diaDexus (<http://www.diadexus.com/>) and Structural GenomiX (<http://www.stromix.com/>). On Orchid, Poste said: 'I believe no other company is as well positioned to emerge as the premier company in the use of genotyping to improve the diagnosis, classification and treatment of disease.'

### GeneData welcomes new managers

Two senior managers have joined US firm GeneData (<http://www.genedata.com/>), a provider of high-volume database storage and high throughput analysis software for

functional genomics research. Matthew Trunnell, formerly Director of Technology Synthesis at the Blackstone Technology Group, has joined the company as Head Technology Officer and Head of the West Coast Office. Trunnell has also worked at the Genome Therapeutics, where he provided expertise in information technology and bioinformatics. The new Director of Marketing is Dennis Bittner, who left his post as Alliance Manager of InforMax where he was responsible for partnerships with firms including Incyte Genomics, Amersham Biosciences and TimeLogic.

### Juli D. Klemm steps into new role at 3rd Millennium

American bioinformatics consulting firm 3rd Millennium (<http://www.3rdmill.com/>) has appointed Juli D. Klemm in the newly created position of Senior Project Scientist. Klemm used to be Director of Scientific Project Management of Incyte Genomics, where she worked on the development of relational database schema and user interface software for proteomics data. She has also led a team of scientists mining the human genome for novel genes. Richard Dweck, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of 3rd Millennium, hopes that Klemm's expertise will help the firm continue to grow. 'We look forward to benefiting from Dr Klemm's industry and bench experience, both from a scientific and [a] software engineering standpoint,' he said. 3rd Millennium specializes in biological data integration, analysis pipeline and knowledge management systems.

## Awards

### NMR expert scoops Nobel Prize for Chemistry

The 2002 Nobel prize for Chemistry is the latest addition to the long list of awards held by NMR expert Kurt Wuthrich, a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Triad Therapeutics (<http://www.triadt.com/>). He was awarded the prize for his development of NMR for determining the three-dimensional structure of biological macromolecules in solution. 'Dr. Wuthrich's ground-breaking use of NMR to learn

structural information about proteins is at the core of what we do at Triad,' explained company President Stephen Coutts. 'Since Triad's inception, we have been using methods pioneered by him and applying these novel techniques to drug discovery.' Triad integrates Structural Biology and Medicinal Chemistry to accelerate the development of potent, small molecule drugs. Wuthrich's past achievements include the Louis Jeantet Prize for Medicine and the Kyoto Prize in Advanced Technology.

### Scientists share HIV-AIDS research prize

Six scientists have been jointly awarded the 2002 GlaxoSmithKline Drug Discovery and Development Award, for their contributions to the development of treatments for HIV and AIDS. The winners, who shared the US\$500,000 prize, were named as Irwin Chaiken of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (<http://www.upenn.edu/>), Nouri Neamati of the University of Southern California School of Pharmacy, Los Angeles (<http://www.usc.edu/>), Alan Sartorelli and Elias Lolis both of Yale University School of Medicine (<http://www.info.med.yale.edu/ysm/>), Nan-Sook Lee of the Beckman Research Institute of the City of Hope, Duarte, CA (<http://bricoh.coh.org/>) and Min Lu of Weill Medical College at Cornell University, New York (<http://www.med.cornell.edu/>).

### Genome analysis expert wins EO Lawrence Award

The EO Lawrence Award has been given to Claire Fraser, President and Director of The Institute for Genomic Research (<http://www.tigr.org/>) for her contributions to genome analysis technology. Fraser led the teams that sequenced the genomes of *Mycoplasma genitalium*, the spirochetes *Treponema pallidum* and *Borrelia burgdorferi* and two species of *Chlamydia*. She has served on review committees of the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health, and is a member of National Research Council committees on countering bioterrorism and on domestic animal genomics.

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