

Announcement for Cease of Publication of Rice Genetics Newsletter

In the meeting of Rice Genetics Cooperative (RGC) in 6th International Rice Genetics Symposium held in Manila in 2009 November, the RGC committee members discussed the role and probability of continuing RGN on-line publication. The committee members agreed that RGN activities could be taken over or replaced by many other journals and/or DB-based information, because of rapid progress of rice genetics fields. Finally, the committee decided to cease publication of Rice Genetics Newsletter in 2009.

Announcement of Rice Gene On-line Submission System

The former sub-committee of the CGSNL (Committee on Gene Symbolization, Nomenclature and Linkage, Rice Genetics Cooperative) in RGC published the following article about gene nomenclature system in rice.

Gene Nomenclature System for Rice.

Susan R. McCouch & CGSNL (Committee on Gene Symbolization, Nomenclature and Linkage, Rice Genetics Cooperative), Rice 72-84, 2008.

Following the publication, the committee established Rice Gene Name Registration web-site : Rice Gene On-line Submission, (http://www.shigen.nig.ac.jp/rice/oryzabase_submission/gene_nomenclature/) in the Oryzabase. Any gene name, regardless of phenotypic designation or ortholog-based designation, is requested to be submitted to the site before journal submission to allow it be checked for duplication, out-of-system designation and so on. Nowadays, many journals recommend researchers to register gene names for approval by the scientific community of the appropriate field. In rice, the responsibility will be borne by the Gene Symbolization and Nomenclature sub-committee through approval of the submitted Gene Name.

The sub-committee strongly recommends all rice researchers to submit your genes to the Rice Gene Registration Site.