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End of year shipping schedules (Oct. 22, 2015)

Dear VDRC users,

This year we will be closed for shipping from 17th December 2015 until 7th January 2016. Past experience has shown that this is a poor time to ship stocks due to the cold weather, increased postal traffic and holiday closings.

Please plan your orders accordingly.

- The ordering deadline for guaranteed shipping before Christmas is 1st Dec, midnight CET, for small orders (100 stocks or less).
- The last shipping date for 2015 will be 16th December.
- Large orders and any orders placed after 1st December will be processed as soon as possible, but with no guarantee that they can be dispatched by 16th December.
- Any orders not dispatched by 16th Dec will be put on hold until we begin shipping again on 7th January 2016.
- The website will be closed for ordering on 30th and 31st Dec 2015 and 1st January 2016.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation and custom throughout the whole year and wish you a happy festive time.

Your VDRC Team

New stocks added: Tagged FlyFos TransgeneOme (fTRG) lines (Oct. 09, 2015)

Dear VDRC users,

The VDRC is very pleased to announce the acquisition of a fantastic new collection of transgenic flies for analysis of gene function and protein localization: the Tagged FlyFos TransgeneOme (fTRG) library. Full details about the lines can be found in the following publication: A genome-wide resource for the analysis of protein localisation in *Drosophila*, [Sarov et al \(2015\)](#).

These lines were generously donated to the VDRC by Frank Schnorrer (Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry, Martinsried, Germany) and Vijay Raghavan (National Center for Biological Sciences, TIFR, Bangalore, India) for distribution to the *Drosophila* research community.

What are the fTRG lines?

The "Tagged FlyFos TransgeneOme (fTRG)" library is comprised of a total of 880 transgenic fly lines, covering 826 different genes. Each line has been engineered to tag a specific protein with a multi-epitope tag at its C-terminus, for use in a variety of downstream applications. The broad application spectrum includes live imaging, subcellular localization and interaction proteomics of selected gene products at all stages of *Drosophila* development. Thus the fTRG collection adds considerably to the resources available to *Drosophila* researchers and their versatility opens up a wide range of previously unfeasible experiments.

How can I get them?

The new collection of lines is available to all registered VDRC users and can be ordered, as for all VDRC lines, by going to www.vdrc.at and following the ordering instructions. All the stocks can be

found on the VDRC homepage (www.vdrc.at) under the "fTRG Stocks" icon or Browse the fTRG Library and a full list of these lines can be downloaded here: [Download fTRG Library](#)

If you would like to see whether there is a tagged line for your gene of interest, use the 'Quick Search' tool to search by gene name or CG number. The stocks can then be filtered by library type to list only those in the 'fTRG' library. Clicking on the 'VDRC ID' will open a detailed view of that particular line.

[How do I acknowledge use of these lines?](#)

Please reference [Sarov et al \(2015\)](#) and acknowledge the VDRC for providing the lines.

Your VDRC Team

24th European Drosophila Research Conference in Heidelberg, Germany, September 9-12, 2015 (Sept. 09, 2015)

Dear VDRC users,

The VDRC is happy to attend the 24th European Drosophila Research Conference in Heidelberg, Germany. You are welcome to visit our exhibitor booth to find out about our latest innovations and give us your feedback.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Your VDRC Team

New stocks added - see "Other Resources" (May 05, 2015)

Dear VDRC users,

a selection of stocks provided by Josef Penninger, IMBA, Vienna, have now been added to the 'Other Resources' section. These include various stocks relating to the Apoptosis-inducing factor gene (AIF).

VDRC is open to donations of highly used stocks for integration into its community stock center collection. In addition, we offer a Private Stock Keeping Service where we will maintain and distribute your personal fly stock/plasmid collection on your behalf. See the About Stock Keeping Policy section for more information. If you wish to donate resources to VDRC or use our Private Stock Keeping Service, please contact us to discuss as early as possible: office@vdrc.at.

Your VDRC Team

Payment via Wire Transfer (Purchase Order) (April 23, 2015)

Dear VDRC users,

We are pleased to inform you that as of today, the minimum number of items which can be ordered by a Purchase Order has been lowered from 1000 to 300. This option allows you to pay via wire transfer instead of credit card. For more information see the "How to place a purchase order" section.

Your VDRC Team

56th Annual Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago (March 4-8, 2015)

Dear VDRC users,

The VDRC is happy to attend the 56th Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago. You will find us at the booth no. 204. You are welcome to visit us to find out about our latest innovations and give us your feedback.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Your VDRC Team

Additional stocks/DNA now available under "Other Resources" (Dec. 09, 2014)

In addition to maintaining and distributing transgenic fly stocks and plasmids owned by the VDRC, we also maintain Drosophila resources owned by other organizations and distribute them to the scientific community on behalf of the depositor via the regular VDRC webshop. For more information see About Other Resources. The first such resources available are [bi-cistronic CRISPR/Cas9 vectors deposited by Peter Duchek from IMBA](#). Further fly stocks and plasmids will be added to the 'Other Resources' section as soon as the "Provider Scientist" wishes to make them available to researchers with a VDRC login.

VDRC is open to donations of highly used stocks for integration into its community stock center collection. In addition, we offer a Private Stock Keeping Service where we will maintain and distribute your personal fly stock/plasmid collection on your behalf. If you wish to donate resources to VDRC or use our Private Stock Keeping Service, please contact us to discuss as early as possible: office@vdr.c.at.

Your VDRC Team

End of year shipping schedules (Nov. 04, 2014)

Dear VDRC users,

This year we will be closed for shipping from 17th December 2014 until 5th January 2015. Past experience has shown that this is a poor time to ship stocks due to the cold weather, increased postal traffic and holiday closings.

Please plan your orders accordingly.

- The ordering deadline for guaranteed shipping before Christmas is 2nd Dec, midnight CET, for small orders (100 stocks or less).
- The last shipping date for 2014 will be 16th December.
- Large orders and any orders placed after 2nd December will be processed as soon as possible, but with no guarantee that they can be dispatched by 16th December.
- Any orders not dispatched by 16th Dec will be put on hold until we begin shipping again on 5th January 2015.
- The website will be closed for ordering on 31st December 2014 and 1st January 2015.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation and custom throughout the whole year and wish you a happy festive time.

Your VDRC Team

VDRC database update to Flybase release 6.01 (Sep. 24, 2014)

Dear VDRC users,

As of September 24th 2014, the VDRC database will be updated to the FlyBase Dmel_Release_6.01 (FB2014_04), released in September 2014. The VDRC transformant IDs and construct IDs remain constant and all information about associated CG-Numbers, FB-Numbers and synonyms will be adjusted to the new version.

Your VDRC Team

VT (Vienna Tile) GAL4 driver lines - new publication and embryo database resource (June 09, 2014)

The VDRC are happy to announce an additional resource supporting the VT (Vienna Tile) GAL4 driver lines: characterization of their activities in the embryo. The VT GAL4 lines were generated and validated by the Dickson and Stark groups at the IMP, Vienna. The current VT library consists of >8,000 transgenic Drosophila lines containing short fragments of genomic DNA controlling GAL4 expression. The precise expression patterns of reporters driven by these lines have been extensively documented and annotated, both in the Drosophila adult brain (Dickson group, unpublished) and spatio-temporally in embryos (Stark group, published in Kvon et al, Nature, 2014 NEW).

Expression data

Data from these analyses are stored in the following databases and are invaluable for helping you search for lines of interest and are directly linked to the VDRC stock ID for ease of ordering:

Adult brain: <http://brainbase.imp.ac.at/bbweb>

Primary user interface to efficiently browse and retrieve confocal microscopy data and related annotated anatomical structures. (Developed by Biomedical Visualization Group at the Research

Center for Virtual Reality and Visualization VrVis, Vienna and Dickson group, IMP, Vienna (now at Janelia Farm).

Embryos: NEW <http://enhancers.starklab.org>

This site enables manual inspection of the raw microscopy slides at arbitrary zoom levels and allows simple and complex searches by:

- IDs (VT tile number)
- neighboring genes (e.g. FBgn, synonyms)
- genomic coordinates
- annotation terms including:
 - embryonic developmental stage
 - strength of enhancer activity
 - fixed anatomical terms
 - keywords.

We are encouraging all users to order GAL4 lines for their favorite cell type, tissue, expression pattern or gene. We are happy to answer any questions and to discuss flexible delivery options for large scale orders and are particularly supportive of putative efforts to characterize the lines in additional contexts (e.g. imaginal discs or ovaries). Please contact us office@vdrc.at.

Notification of changes to VDRC fees and delivery speeds (May 26, 2014)

Dear VDRC users,

VDRC is a subsidized resource center whose goal is to maintain and distribute high quality transgenic resources on behalf of the Drosophila community.

We wish to announce several changes:

1. Faster delivery:

We have consistently received user feedback that you would like to receive your stocks faster. In response we have created a duplicate copy of all our RNAi lines and are now able to significantly reduce our turnaround time for most orders. As of 1st June we will guarantee to dispatch orders of 100 lines or less within 2 weeks. If we fail to send your shipment on time you will automatically receive a 50% refund. For larger orders there will be no change and dispatch time will be up to 6 weeks, as at present.

2. New fee structure:

A new fee structure will come into effect on 1st June. Recent increases in costs for personnel, consumables and the maintenance of a second copy require us to increase the prices. The price for all orders of 100 lines or less will be doubled. In order to keep the costs of larger screens attractive, the price for orders above 100 lines will not change.

For details please see [VDRC fee structure June 2014](#).

VDRC is a non-profit research organization and our running costs and thus your fees are heavily subsidized. Currently 50% of the total running costs are funded by a grant from the Austrian Federal Ministry for Science and Research and the city of Vienna. The remaining

50% of the costs must be recovered from user fees. We hope you understand that the price increase is necessary to ensure that we continue to reach this target, thus securing the longer term availability of our collection for the community.

3. New name: Vienna Drosophila Resource Center:

To reflect the fact that VDRC is not restricted to RNAi lines but additionally maintains and distributes other resources, we have changed our name from Vienna Drosophila RNAi Center to Vienna Drosophila Resource Center. The VDRC address, contact details, user accounts and all financial and legal details remain unaffected by this change.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and are extremely grateful for your continued support.

For any questions, please contact us: office@vdr.at

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline on Monday, 14.04.2014, 5pm to 9pm (CET) (April 14, 2014)

Dear VDRC users,

We would like to inform you that the VDRC website will be offline on Monday, 14th May 2014, starting at 5pm (CET), due to an upgrade of our network infrastructure. We expect this scheduled outage to last 4 hrs. You will not be able to order stocks during this time.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Your VDRC Team

KK library landing site (Mar. 5, 2014)

Dear VDRC users,

We are aware of a recent paper reporting an issue with a subset of the KK library: [Green et al \(2014\)](#). In this paper it is demonstrated that the host strain for the KK library has two landing sites for the pKC26 RNAi hairpin vector, rather than one and that some KK lines have an insertion in both landing sites which, when crossed to certain GAL4 drivers, can result in non-specific phenotypes.

We have confirmed the existence of multiple insertions for a subset of KK lines in our collection. We are in the process of testing the entire KK library and will make those results public immediately on this website. KK lines have been sent to hundreds of Drosophila labs, but so far we have not heard of major problems that would go beyond what is known for RNAi in general. We have processed three orders for the entire library to carry out genome wide screens and are not aware of major failures.

The lab of Juergen Knoblich has successfully screened the entire KK library for specific phenotypes in neuroblasts. They have verified 25 lines with shmiRs and could verify 100% of the hits indicating that not a single one of them was due to an off target.

The GD library was generated using P-element insertion and therefore the issue described by Green et al. does not affect GD lines.

Your VDRC Team

End of year shipping schedules (Nov. 12, 2013)

Dear VDRC users,

This year we will be closed for shipping from 17th December 2013 until 6th January 2014. Past experience has shown that this is a poor time to ship stocks due to the cold weather, increased postal traffic and holiday closings. We will begin shipping orders again on 7th January 2014.

Last shipping dates:

- 10th December: Australia, China, South America and USA (with shipping label)
- 16th December: Europe, Canada, Japan and USA (direct shipping, with "Letter of No Jurisdiction")
- You will be able to place orders during the Christmas break except on 31st December 2013 until 7th January 2014.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation throughout the whole year and wish you a happy festive time.

Your VDRC Team

For United States customers: New regulations for importing Drosophila (Nov. 11, 2013)

New import practices were implemented by the USDA on September 30th, 2013. It is now possible for VDRC to send packages with *D. melanogaster* directly to the recipient and not via the USDA inspection station. After dispatch from VDRC, shipping directly to the recipient should take only 2-3 working days (compared to 7-10 days via USDA). To receive your imported packages directly, you will need both a Courtesy Permit and a "Letter of No Jurisdiction."

For information on how to obtain these, see [VDRC shipping information](#).

Stock Pruning List - order by 29th Nov 2013 (Oct. 30, 2013)

Dear VDRC users,

in order to streamline the VDRC RNAi stock collection, ~5000 obsolete, redundant, or low-use stocks will be removed. These will no longer be available for ordering after Nov 29th

2013. Lines have been selected for pruning for one of the following reasons:

- The transformant ID no longer maps to a valid CG number (CGnone)
- The GD line is redundant (multiple GD stocks are currently available for the same CG). Potentially redundant lines were ranked according to several criteria and those with the lowest ranking selected for pruning:
 - No off-target > multiple off-target
 - Phenotype in one or more screens > no phenotype
 - Viable > sterile > lethal
 - Chromosome 3 > 2 > X
 - Healthy > frequently in hospital
 - Ordered frequently > less frequently

Please order by Nov 29th 2011-these lines will be gone forever after this date!

Your VDRC Team

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is opened again! (Oct. 21, 2013)

Dear VDRC users,

Today we start shipping again to the US as the governmental shutdown is over. Since there is a backlog of orders waiting to be shipped, we appreciate your patience.

Your VDRC Team

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is closed! (Oct. 03, 2013)

For USA Users:

Currently, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is closed. Therefore, we will not be sending orders to the US until the USDA regulates its situation. Meanwhile, orders will be normally processed and sent as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline from 11.01.2013 to 12.01.2013 (Jan. 8, 2013)

Dear VDRC users,

Due to a server maintenance in our central server infrastructure, placing orders may not be possible on 11th and 12th January 2013.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Your VDRC Team

Christmas break from 15.12.2012 to 06.01.2013 (Nov. 20, 2012)

This year we will have our Christmas break from 15th December until 6th January 2013.

For shipments to Europe and Japan: last shipping date is 14th December

For shipments to the rest of the world: last shipping date is 10th December

You will be able to place orders during the Christmas break except on 31st December 2012 and 1st January 2013. We will begin shipping orders on 7th January 2013.

We would like to thank you for your co-operation throughout the whole year and wish you a happy festive time.

Your VDRC Team

VT (Vienna Tile) GAL4 driver lines are now available through the VDRC (Oct. 18, 2012)

These lines were generated by the Dickson and Stark groups at the [IMP](#), Vienna.

The current VT library consists of >6,000 transgenic *Drosophila* lines containing short fragments of genomic DNA controlling GAL4 expression.

The constructs are integrated at a single defined genomic position (attP2) and each carries a distinct candidate cis-regulatory DNA fragment, typically ~2kb in size. These lines have been constructed according to the methods developed by the Rubin group at the Janelia Farm Research Campus (Pfeiffer et al, 2008, PNAS 105:917) and form a complementary resource to the Janelia collection (Jenett et al, 2012, Cell Reports).

The precise expression patterns of reporters driven by these lines have been extensively documented and annotated, both in the *Drosophila* adult brain ([Dickson group](#), [BrainBase](#)) and spatio-temporally in embryos (unpublished data, [Stark group](#), [www.starklab.org](#)).

New Prices (Sep. 1, 2012)

Dear VDRC users,

The fees for our stocks have remained fixed since Feb 2009, however in order to cover the increased cost of maintaining the libraries in the last 3.5 years, we unfortunately have to increase our prices. The increased fees will come into effect as of 1st October 2012.

The new fee structure is as follows:

Number of lines per order	New charge per line
1 st	37 €

2 nd – 5 th	27 €
6 th – 20 th	11,5 €
21 st – 50 th	6 €
101 st – 500 th	3 €
> 500 th	2,5 €

This price increase is purely to recover costs since the VDRC is a not-for-profit organisation. Currently approximately half of the VDRC operating costs are covered by user fees, the other half by funding from the Austrian Federal Government (bm.wf) and the City of Vienna.

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline on Wednesday, 03.10.2012 (5pm-6pm CET) (Aug. 31, 2012)

Dear VDRC users,

Due to a maintenance in our central server infrastructure, placing orders may not be possible on 3rd October 2012 between 5pm and 6pm (CET).

Thank you for your understanding.

Your VDRC Team

Efficient RNA knockdown in the germline with VDRC RNAi lines (May 16, 2012)

Dear VDRC users,

The VDRC long hairpin RNAi constructs are not only functional in the somatic cells, but also in the germline - with the appropriate drivers!

In a direct comparison of transcript knockdown efficiencies and phenotypes in the female germline, both the long hairpin construct design (VDRC RNAi lines with Dicer-2) and short hairpin constructs give similarly strong results, as the following publication from Julius Brennecke's lab elegantly shows:

"A systematic analysis of Drosophila TUDOR domain-containing proteins identifies Vreteno and the Tdrd12 family as essential primary piRNA pathway factors." Handler et al (2011) [abstract](#). See [figure 2](#)

Additionally, Wang and Elgin have demonstrated efficient knockdown of Piwi functions in the female germline using VDRC RNAi lines with Dicer-2:

"Drosophila Piwi functions downstream of piRNA production mediating a chromatin-based transposon silencing mechanism in female germ line." Wang and Elgin (2011) [abstract](#)

Your VDRC Team

New Head of the VDRC (Mar. 1, 2012)

Dear VDRC users,

As of March 2012 [Lisa Meadows](#) has officially taken over from Krystyna Keleman as Head of the VDRC. Lisa has more than 20 years of experience working with Drosophila and is looking forward to continuing the success achieved to date by Krystyna and the VDRC team.

Your VDRC Team

No Shipping and ordering during Christmas and New Year (Nov. 17, 2011)

Dear VDRC users,

We would like to inform you that the VDRC will not be accepting new orders during the Christmas and New Year break starting December 23rd till January the 6th. The last day of shipping to China, USA and Australia will be December the 12th and to other countries December the 16th. Please plan in advance.

Your VDRC Team

Mite warning (Oct. 11, 2011)

Dear VDRC users,

After the summer we found out that some of our GD lines contain food mites. We are fighting hard against them and we are fairly confident that the situation will improve soon.

If you receive infected stocks from us, please let us know immediately. This will help us to clean the stocks which suffer from this problem.

Thank you for your help and apologies for your inconveniences!

Your VDRC Team

VDRC database update to Flybase release 5.38 (Aug. 10, 2011)

Dear VDRC users,

As of October 5th of 2011, the VDRC database will be updated to the Flybase version 5.38 (FB2011_06), released in June 2011. All information about transformant IDs, construct IDs, CG-Numbers, FB-Numbers and synonyms will be adjusted to the new version.

Your VDRC Team

10000th Shipment Celebration (Jun. 29, 2011)

Dear VDRC users,

Every day we ship our flies on a journey to laboratories in the whole world. On 29th of June the fly-team celebrated an important event: the 10 000th shipment from VDRC! For this reason the whole team met at 11 am at Vienna's green zone – the Prater, from where we 'hiked' to the famous Schweizerhaus – a Viennese restaurant where already the emperor dined – and had a few drinks and Wiener Schnitzel.

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline from 18.06.2011 to 19.06.2011 (Jun. 8, 2011)

Dear VDRC users,

Due to a network maintenance in our central server infrastructure, placing orders may not be possible on 18th and 19th June 2011.

Thank you for your understanding.

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline from 28.02.2011 to 01.03.2011 (Feb.23, 2011)

Dear VDRC users,

on 27th February and 1st March 2011 it may not be possible to place orders due to service updates. We kindly ask for your understanding.

Your VDRC Team

Christmas break from 23.12.2010 to 06.01.2011 (Nov. 24, 2010)

Dear VDRC users,

This year's Christmas Break will start on the 23rd of December and we will be back in charge on the 6th January 2011. During this time we will not be able to ship packages or to accept any new orders, but all outstanding orders will be processed normally.

We wish all of you a relaxing Christmas time and Happy New Year!

Your VDRC Team

GD-DNA constructs available (Oct 17, 2010)

Dear VDRC users,

Due to demand you can order the DNA constructs on our website as of today.

Please note that only the GD-library constructs are available at the moment.

For more information see the "How to order DNA constructs?" section.

Your VDRC Team

Payment via Wire Transfer (Purchase Order) (May 18, 2010)

Dear VDRC users,

We are pleased to inform you that as of today, you can use our new software feature to place purchase orders. This option is valid for orders bigger than 999 lines and it allows you to pay via wire transfer instead of credit card. For more information see the "How to place a purchase order?" section.

Your VDRC Team

Icelandic Volcano Ash Clouds (Apr. 20, 2010)

Dear VDRC users,

Due to the Icelandic volcano ash cloud in Europe, the shipments of the VDRC orders are not being carried out efficiently. This is beyond our control and we will keep you posted on any step we can make.

Your VDRC Team

Christmas break from 21.12.2009 to 06.01.2010 (Nov. 26, 2009)

Dear VDRC users,

We will be closed for Christmas break starting 21st of December till 6th of January.

We won't be accepting any new orders during this time but all outstanding orders will be processed normally.

Sorry, for any inconvenience it might cause.

Your VDRC Team

10.000 KK Lines (Oct. 29, 2009)

We are happy to inform you that we have reached 10.000 lines of the phiC31 RNAi library which are already available. The library is still under construction so some more lines will come soon!

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline from 06.11.2009 at 5pm (CET) to 09.11.2009 at 9am (Oct. 28, 2009)

Dear VDRC users,

Due to IT service maintenance, our stock center will be offline from Friday, 6 November at 5 p.m. (CET) until Monday, 9 November at 9 a.m.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline on Friday, 08.05.2009, 1pm to 7pm (CET) (May. 05, 2009)

Dear VDRC users,

We would like to inform you that the VDRC website will be offline on Friday, 8th May 2009, from 1pm to 7pm (CET), due to an upgrade of our network infrastructure.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Your VDRC Team

New fee structure (Feb. 24, 2009)

Dear VDRC users,

As of February 24th (CET), the VDRC will change its fee structure.

The new fee structure is designed to make large-scale screens more affordable, while still meeting our need to recover 50% of our costs through user fees. (The remaining 50% is covered by funds from the Austrian Federal Government and the City of Vienna)

While the fees for small orders increase, fees for large orders are now significantly reduced.

We hope that this fee adjustment will make screening the VDRC RNAi library more attractive for more labs, without significantly impacting those who order VDRC lines more sporadically.

Please note that orders which will be placed starting on the 24th February (CET), will be affected by the new fee structure!

The new fee structure is as follows:

Number of lines per order	Old charge per line	New charge per line
1 st	10 €	35 €
2 nd – 5 th	10 €	25 €
6 th – 20 th	10 €	10 €
21 st – 50 th	10 €	7,5 €
51 st – 100 th	10 €	5 €
101 st – 500 th	10 €	2,5 €
> 500 th	10 €	2,5 €

51st-100th 5 € 50 x 5 = 225
101st...136th 2,5 € 36 x 2,5 = 90

Total charge for 136 stocks € 825

Number of stocks	Charge per line €	Subtotal €
1 st	35 €	1 x 35 = 35
2 nd – 5 th	25 €	4 x 25 = 100
6 th – 20 th	10 €	15 x 10 = 150
21 st – 50 th	7,5 €	30 x 7,5 = 225
51 st – 100 th	5 €	50 x 5 = 225
101 st – 136 th	2,5 €	36 x 2,5 = 90
Total charge for 136 stocks		€ 825

The price changes have been introduced in response to the increased demand for large-scale RNAi screens, and we hope that you will take this opportunity to expand your screening activities.

With best regards,

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline on Monday, 23.02.2009 (Feb. 22, 2009)

Dear VDRC users,

Due to maintenance in our data base, our stock center will be closed on Monday, 23 February (CET).

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Your VDRC Team

VDRC at the 50th Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago, 4-8 March 2009 (Feb. 17, 2009)

We would like to invite you to visit the VDRC stand at the 50th Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago.

Just please come to see us at the booth no. 502 in the Sheraton Hotel. We will be very happy to meet and talk to you.

Hope to see you there!

Your VDRC Team

VDRC database update to Flybase release 5.7 (Nov. 20, 2008)

Dear VDRC users,

As of January 6th of 2009, the VDRC database will be updated to the Flybase version 5.7 (FB2008_04), released in April 2008.

All information about transformant IDs, construct IDs, CG-Numbers, FB-Numbers and synonyms will be adjusted to the new version.

Your VDRC Team

Christmas break from 22.12.2008 to 06.01.2009 (Nov. 17, 2008)

Dear VDRC users,

We will be closed for Christmas break starting 22nd of December till 6th of January. We won't be accepting any new orders during this time but all outstanding orders will be processed normally.

Sorry, for any inconvenience it might cause.

Your VDRC Team

VDRC stockcenter offline from 26.07.2008 to 27.07.2008 (Jul. 11, 2008)

The VDRC stockcenter will be offline from 26.07.2008 to 27.07.2008 due to maintenance work on our IT infrastructure.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

VDRC stockcenter offline from 18.07.2008 to 20.07.2008 (Jul. 1, 2008)

The VDRC stockcenter will be offline from 18.07.2008 (12:00 AM, MET) to 20.07.2008 due to maintenance work on our servers.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

1st VDRC birthday (Apr. 2, 2008)

On April 2nd, the VDRC is celebrating its first birthday.

In our first year, we have sent almost 50,000 transgenic RNAi lines to researchers in 40 different countries. The demand has at times been overwhelming, and we thank you for your patience and support. In our second year, we hope to further improve our stock keeping and shipping services, and also welcome our first researchers to conduct RNAi screens on site.

We hope that you will continue to find our services useful, and look forward to your support in our second year. As always, we welcome suggestions on how to improve our operation.

Your VDRC Team

Mite warning (Jan. 15, 2008)

Despite continued efforts to rid our stocks of mites, we have still not completely solved this problem. From time to time, you may receive mites together with your RNAi lines, and so we strongly recommend you follow normal quarantine procedures when the stocks arrive.

We do apologize for this problem, but due to limited resources and the large number of stocks we need to maintain, we can presently only maintain one vial for each stock and can only flip stocks once every 5 weeks.

VDRC appoints an independent Scientific Advisory Board (Nov. 19, 2007)

The VDRC strives to provide maximum support for the Drosophila research community, while maintaining its scientific independence from its host institutions. To help us better respond to community needs, we have appointed an independent Scientific Advisory Board, which consults regularly with the head of the VDRC. We are extremely pleased that Matthew Freeman, Angela Giangrande, and Maria Leptin have agreed to be the founding members of the VDRC SAB.

New MTA (Nov. 15, 2007)

In response to requests from the community, we have renegotiated our Material Transfer Agreement with our sponsors. Some of the more restrictive items in the original MTA have now been deleted or modified. We hope that this new MTA will be acceptable to all of your institutions.

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