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A MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT

Hello colleagues,

We're excited to announce the launch of the new IAPG website, designed to be the central hub for the entire life of the Joint Academic Development, across the full spectrum of its activities, from research and publications to events, grants, and dissemination. We invite you to explore it and share your feedback.

We hope this newsletter will help improve the information flow between the various departments and the rest of the Academic community. Please feel free to contribute by writing to us at IAPG.Comm@unige.ch with suggestions, ideas, or content you'd like to see featured.

Best regards,
Management of IAPG-CUSE

WHAT WE'VE CLOCKED

MOVEMENT HAS LAUNCHED ITS FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR AND WELCOMED 100 ACTIVE AND PAYING MEMBERS

At the heart of its user, as part of the Service Universitaire de Sport, the Movement has organized a wide range of activities, from sports sessions to cultural outings and social events. Our broad catalogue aims to promote physical activity, well-being, and community spirit among students, staff, and alumni.

SPORELLA JOINS THE IAP MOVEMENT: WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Since they can offer diverse courses in the same area, it was easy to imagine a collaboration between the two. Sporella is a young start-up founded by Lucie Bonnet and Jérôme Bonnet, who have been active in the Geneva sports scene for several years. They have also been the coaches for Immortal Geneva in many of its sporting disciplines.

THE PLAY BUILDING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

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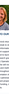

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SCIENCE & RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

NEW GENE NAMING CONVENTION AIMS TO SIMPLIFY GENOMIC RESEARCH FOR SCIENTISTS

A new naming convention, which includes no category that specifically refers to humans, has been published by the HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee (HGNC) at the European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI). The HGNC is responsible for maintaining the human gene nomenclature and has been working with the gene community to update the guidelines for naming genes. The new guidelines are the culmination of a consultation that began in 2020 and ran for 2 years.

Origins of adaptive genomic variation

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THE STUDENT VOICES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CURRICULUM OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Student participation in the reform of the curriculum is a reality, planned before it is by the Vice-Dean for Education, Professor Jean-Luc Bulliard. Two students, Lucie Lequeux and Lucie Lequeux, have been appointed to the working groups responsible for the reform. Interview with Lucie Lequeux.

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IN MEMORIAM

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OUTREACH

MEDIA COVERAGE

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Over the last week, we, alongside our friends from the Service Universitaire de Sport, had the pleasure of welcoming the entire Academic community to the Movement's inaugural event. Organized in collaboration with the Service Universitaire de Sport, this event was a great success, bringing together students, staff, and alumni for a day filled with sports, discovery, and conviviality.

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