



GetGenome Newsletter

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We are pleased to present the January 2026 edition of our monthly newsletter, providing a snapshot of GetGenome's progress and key highlights. Remember, you can find all our monthly newsletters here - <https://getgenome.net/network>. The main highlights this month include:

Big Genomes, Local Impact: Treasures returned to Tunisia



Genomics often feels inaccessible for many researchers, especially when you're studying enormous, complex genomes. Well, GetGenome doesn't shy away from such challenges, especially where there is a need for our support. We recently helped colleagues at the University of Sfax sequence two important durum wheat landraces, returning the data home to Tunisia. Fittingly and poetically, the treasures were even handed over in person by a Tunisian researcher! The project generated huge quantities of data, including PacBio HiFi reads, that will become valuable resources to sit beside vouchered germplasm. Look out for the upcoming genome announcement and much more soon!

Connecting a Network

Our Network is incredibly important to us as it provides opportunities to interact with, and showcase, the amazing research we support. Recently, awardee articles published on our [Zenodo Community](#) surpassed 5000 downloads as researchers access and use genomic data. Not only that, our social media channels have steadily increased in popularity, so do join us if you're not already engaged on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Bluesky](#) or [LinkedIn](#).



Microbial Genomics Early-Career Symposium – 15th July



The 2nd Annual Microbial Genomics Early-Career Symposium will take place on 15 July in hybrid format. We'd love to showcase your work! If you're interested in recording a talk for this international symposium and reach one of the largest communities of microbiologists anywhere, get in touch with us.

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Data ready to impact

💡 Our January Data Readiness Sprint saw strong engagement from awardees, with multiple datasets now moving towards public deposition and several manuscripts in preparation. Laura is following up with participants to capture how access to genomics data has shaped their research — helping us turn sequencing into shared, citable impact. Do reach out to us if you want to share your story.