GetGenome March 2024 Report

I am pleased to present the March 2024 edition of our monthly report, providing a snapshot of GetGenome's progress and key highlights. The main highlights this month include:

1. GGPakistan2023 Samples at GetGenome and sent for sequencing

Two consignments have arrived from Pakistan without issue. The 67 samples that have grown well are being sent to MicrobesNG this week for sequencing.

2. GetGenome Network grows and inspires in Tunisia

Two successful and highly encouraging events took place in Tunisia recently - The conference/workshop collaboration between GetGenome and Learn & Win at the Faculty of Sciences, Tunis (https://doi.org/10.1242/bio.060304), and the GetGenome-supported workshop on Genomics at the Centre of Biotechnology Borj Cedria. These events were conceived and organised by Tunisian researchers with the aim of maximising GetGenome's impact in the region and are two great examples of added value.

3. GetGenome Sponsored Projects are delivering impact

Excitingly, Vincent Were (Talbot group, TSL) and Joe Win (Kamoun group, TSL) will be travelling to Zambia this week to teach genomics skills to researchers within the GGSponsoredProject DEWAS project (https://shorturl.at/iwEJN). Additionally, GetGenome sequenced 8 *Ralstonia* isolates as a part of a GGSponsoredProject concerning the infection of potato in East Africa. The work as recently published on Zenodo (https://zenodo.org/records/10696843) and was fully paid for through a Gates Foundation grant managed by CIRAD, CIP and TSL.

4. GGPlasmidSeq delivers its first data to participants

We have delivered plasmid sequences to researchers in Argentina, Thailand, Turkey and India. Interest is building with enquiries being received with increasing frequency.

5. GGLatAm2024 Call For Projects Applications start to arrive

Applications have been slow to arrive from Latin America but this is consistent with previous calls. So far, the number stands at 10. But with several weeks left of the call, we are expecting a busy period receiving applications.

6. The GetGenome website will move to NBI computing

We are reliant on our website to deliver campaigns around the world. We recently moved our application process behind the NBI firewall using Microsoft apps. We will extend this to our entire website shortly after the GGLatAm2024 call has concluded. This will help ensure our website is well maintained and secure to deliver our activities.