"Finishing in the Future"
La Fonda on the Plaza, Santa Fe, NM – May 4th and 5th, 2006

Call for Abstracts (both talks and posters) Deadline March 13, 2006

Please join us for the inaugural "Finishing in the Future" Meeting on Thursday May 4th and Friday May 5th in beautiful, historic Santa Fe, New Mexico. Day one of the conference will focus on current genome finishing accomplishments, techniques and pitfalls. Day two will focus on current and proposed R&D efforts aimed at cutting costs and increasing throughput of the genome finishing process.

Areas to be emphasized include the following:

Genome Sequencing:
- Sequencing strategy, DNA quality and library construction
- Draft sequencing, assembly and quality assessment
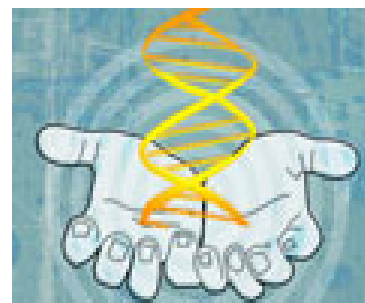
Finishing:
- Finishing systems, pipelines and project management
- Automated, manual and difficult finishing
- Solving genome gaps and finishing closely related genomes

Informatics:
- Tool development in support of the finishing process
- Whole genome assemblers
- Progress tracking and data releases

The conference is being sponsored and hosted by DOE's Los Alamos National Lab and no registration fee is required. The participants need to cover travel costs, hotel and dinner charges. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. A block of rooms are reserved at La Fonda at a special conference rate of $94 per night.

Registration is limited so please register ASAP if you plan to attend. To register, submit abstracts, or to obtain more information as it becomes available please visit our web site, http://finishingfuture.lanl.gov

If you have any questions, or for further information, please contact Chris Detter at (505)667-1326 or cdetter@lanl.gov.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

The 2006 "Finishing in the Future" Organizing Committee:

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