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Dear All,

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A big congratulation to Kian Lee for his promotion to full professor!

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I am also happy to say that the pioneer batch of comp bio undergrads just graduated, and they include four students who have worked in CBL:

Koh Chuan Hock (aka Ah Fu),
Li Xiao Hui,
Song Fu Shan, and
Chen Ju.

A big congratulation to all of them. Ah Fu will return to join us as a PhD student. So we will see more of him. I am not sure where the other three are planning to go, but let us wish them all the best.

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I have also heard good news from two of our alumni.

Huiqing Liu (PhD 2005, supervised by Limsoon) received the Gallo Award at the 2008 Annual Retreat on Cancer Research in New Jersey. Huiqing also received the 2008 New Jersey Cancer Research Awards for Scientific Excellence.

Rajesh Chowdhary (PhD 2007, supervised by Limsoon & Vlad Bajic) will complete his postdoc at Harvard this summer and join the Marshfield Clinic as a research assistant professor. Marshfield ranks among the top 50 best hospitals in the US and is well known for research.

If you have heard good news about our alumni, please let me know!

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We have quite a number of papers published since our last update. Here you go...

Zeyar Aung, Soon Heng Tan, See Kiong Ng, Kian Lee Tan. PPIClust: Efficient Clustering of 3-D Protein-Protein Interaction Interfaces. Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, 6(3):415--433, June 2008.

Hon Nian Chua, Kang Ning, Wing-Kin Sung, Hon Wai Leong, Limsoon Wong. Using Indirect Protein-Protein Interactions for Protein Complex Prediction.

Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, 6(3):435--466, June 2008.

Kang Ning, Nan Ye, Hon Wai Leong. On preprocessing and anti-symmetry in de novo peptide sequencing: Improving efficiency and accuracy. Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, 6(3):467--492, June 2008.

Nan Wang, Srinivasan Parthasarathy, Kian-Lee Tan, Anthony K. H. Tung. CSV: Visualizing and Mining Cohesive Subgraphs. Proceedings of ACM SIGMOD'International Conference on Management of Data, pages 445--458, Vancouver, Canada, 9-12 June 2008.

And there will be a couple more that are in press... what this space next month :-).

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We also gave the following invited talks this month:

Limsoon Wong. Manifestation and Exploitation of Invariants in Bioinformatics. Invited keynote at 3rd International Computer Science Symposium in Russia (CSR 2008), Moscow, Russia, 7-12 June 2008.

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We also hosted the visit of the following researchers, though we did not have sufficient time to arrange for seminars:

Dr. Philip Kim, 2-3 June 2008
Dept of Mol Biophys & Biochem, Yale University

Dr. Marco Terzer, 9 June 2008
Institute of Computational Science, ETH Zurich

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We also welcome the following new members of CBL:

Feng Meng Ling (RA of Limsoon) and
Thomas Wong (Visitor of Ken).

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Lastly, Do Huy Hoang (hoang@comp.nus.edu.sg) has become the webmaster for the CBL application webserver, where interactive applications are hosted. If you would like to put some applications on the webserver, please contact him.

I think that's about it. If I have left out anything, please let me know.

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