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**Subject:** CBL updates - Feb 2008

Hi CBL Members,

Here is an update of our lab for Feb/Mar...

1/ Please join me to congratulate Ken Sung and Lisa Tucker:

(a) Dr. Ken Sung has been selected as a winner of the 2008 NUS Young Researcher Award. The YRA is NUS's top recognition for the research achievements of young faculty members.

(b) Dr. Lisa Tucker has won a \$144k research grant associated with her Lee Kuan Yew Postdoc Fellowship. She has also received a \$50k cross-faculty collaboration grant.

2/ The following two papers were published:

(a) T. W. Lam, W. K. Sung, S. L. Tam, C. K. Wong, and S. M. Yiu. Compressed indexing and local alignment of DNA. *Bioinformatics*, 24:791-797, March 2008.

(b) V. T. Hoang, W. K. Sung.  
Fixed Parameter Polynomial Time Algorithms for Maximum Agreement and Compatible Supertrees. *Proceedings of 25th Annual Symposium on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Science (STACS)*, pages 361-372, Bordeaux, France, 21-23 February 2008.

3/ The following invited keynotes were given:

(a) Limoon Wong. Two Applications of Text Mining in Bioinformatics: Enhancing Protein Function Prediction and Enhancing Drug Pathway Inference. Invited keynote at 7th Korea-Singapore Workshop on Bioinformatics & NLP, Seoul, Korea, 15 February 2008.

(b) Limsoon Wong. Guilt by Association. Invited keynote at 1st Japan-Taiwan Young Researchers Conference on Computational and Systems Biology, Hsinchu, Taiwan, 9-11 March 2008.

The following talks were also given by CBL members and guests:

(c) "Searching and Mining Complex Data: Past, Present, and Future Work". Anthony Tung, Dept of Computer Science, NUS, 26 February 2008 @ CRC.

(d) "CS Seminar: Colorful Chemical Genetics". Chang Young-Tae, Dept of Chemistry, NUS. 13 March 2008 @ 2pm in TR 10 (COM1-02-41).

(e) "CS Seminar: Integrated Mining of Protein Interaction Networks: A Case for Ensemble Clustering". Srinivasan Parthasarathy, Ohio State University, USA. 26 February 2008 @ 4.30pm in Seminar Room 9 (COM1 02-09).

Also, the following talk will be held next week; please make sure you attend!

(f) "CS Seminar: Multi-Dimensional Views in the 'Omics' Era: Data Analyses Solutions in Structural Computational Biology and Microarrays Applications". Yaron Turpaz, Lilly Singapore Centre for Drug Discovery . 20 March 2008 @ 2pm in SR10 (COM1-02-10).

4/ Our colleagues at the NUS Oncology Research Institute recently won a \$150m RCE grant and have many positions open in bioinformatics. If you and/or friends are interested, please visit <http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~wongls/bp/openings/james-mah-14mar08.pdf>.

Our colleagues at A\*STAR Bioinformatics Institute also has a number of openings. If you and/or friends are interested, please visit <http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~wongls/bp/openings/bii-a-mar08.pdf> or <http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~wongls/bp/openings/bii-b-mar08.pdf>

Regards,

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Ps: CBL faculty members: if you have new students who are not yet on this list, please let me know.