Uronet

One of the ideas that came out of the Workshop last October was to establish a network—uronet—to facilitate communication among biologists of all fields interested in the urodele model system. That network has become reality in the form of a BIOSCI/bionet mailing list/newsgroup called URODELES.

Uronet Charter

USENET name: bionet.organisms.urodeles

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Newsgroup character

Bionet.organisms.urodeles is a forum for scientific discussions and a source of information for the community of biologists interested in any aspect of urodele amphibian biology. The name URODELES was chosen to reflect the common interest among scientists working with axolotls, salamanders, and newts.

Functions of the newsgroup

The newsgroup will facilitate rapid communication among research scientists and educators using urodele amphibians in any biological field, including but not limited to developmental biology, genetics, physiology, immunology, ecology, taxonomy, evolutionary biology, neuroscience, etc. and will thereby allow more rapid progress in research involving urodeles.

The newsgroup will provide a forum for discussions of problems, old and new ideas, journal publications, and recent developments in amphibian research. The newsgroup will also provide sources of practical advice, methodologies, answers to frequently asked questions concerning amphibian husbandry and techniques used in urodele research, and availability of unique reagents for research with urodeles (e.g., antibodies, cDNAs, primers and gene sequences, DNA libraries, mutants, etc.).

Finally, the newsgroup will serve as a bulletin board for announcements of meetings, conferences, job opportunities, and funding sources of interest to biologists studying urodeles.

Subscribers are welcome from universities or any academic institutions, government agencies, hospitals and other medical institutions, and industrial or commercial organizations. Contributions within the functions outlined above are encouraged. The newsgroup is expected to run in an unmoderated fashion and we are willing to act as current coordinators.

Using Uronet
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Those of you that previously subscribed to the mailing list need do nothing more, unless you would rather read the USENET newsgroup.

If you are currently on the mailing list (urodeles@net.bio.net) and would rather use your USENET newsreader, please send the command

unsubscribe urodeles

to the Internet address biosci-server@net.bio.net to cancel your e-mail subscription.

Subscribing to urodeles

If you use USENET News, you need do nothing other than participate in bionet.organisms.urodeles when it appears in your newsreader. Depending upon your news software, this may entail you having to answer a prompt indicating that you want to subscribe. You might also try the command "g bionet.organisms.urodeles" in rn-like newsreaders.

IF YOU ARE LOCATED IN EUROPE, AFRICA, OR CENTRAL ASIA: please send the word

help

in the body of your message to MXT@dl.ac.uk to retrieve general server usage instructions. To subscribe to the URODELES list, first be sure that you are sending mail from the address at which you wish to receive news postings, and then send the command

SUB bionet-news.bionet.organisms.urodeles

to MXT@dl.ac.uk. This message will be automatically read by the computer and your e-mail address will be extracted from the mail header and added to the list.

IF YOU ARE LOCATED IN THE AMERICAS OR THE PACIFIC RIM: Log in to the computer account in which you would like to receive mail (not an account that you use infre-

quently) and send a mail message to the Internet address

biosci-server@net.bio.net

Leave the Subject line of the message blank and enter the following line into the body of the mail message:

subscribe urodeles

This message will be automatically read by our computer and your e-mail address will be extracted from the mail header and added to the list.

Canceling your subscription

IF YOU ARE LOCATED IN EUROPE, AFRICA, OR CENTRAL ASIA: first be sure that you are sending mail from the address at which you signed up to receive news postings, and then send the command (in the body of your mail message)

UNSUB bionet-news.bionet.organisms.urodeles

to MXT@dl.ac.uk. This message will be automatically read by the computer and your e-mail address will be extracted from the mail header and removed from the list.

IF YOU ARE LOCATED IN THE AMERICAS OR THE PACIFIC RIM: send a message to biosci-server@net.bio.net exactly as described above for subscribing except include the text

unsubscribe urodeles

in the body of the message. Please be sure to send the message from the account whose address matches the one on the list. If your address differs, we will be notified automatically and will remove you manually from the list if we can determine what was your old address. Please contact biosci-help@net.bio.net if you have problems.

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM: Please send a message to one of the following addresses depending upon your location

Address	Location
biosci@daresbury.ac.uk	Europe, Africa, Central Asia
biosci-help@net.bio.net	Americas and the Pacific Rim

and someone on the staff will help you. PLEASE DO NOT send mail to our personal e-mail addresses as this will delay a response to your request for help.

Posting a message

If you use news, simply post a message into bionet.organisms.urodeles. Be sure to set your "distribution" to world or else the message might not leave your site!!

To post by e-mail, mail your message to one of the following addresses depending upon your location:

Posting Address	Location
urodeles@daresbury.ac.uk	Europe, Africa, Central Asia
urodeles@net.bio.net	Americas and the Pacific Rim

and your message will be distributed automatically to everyone on the list and the USENET newsgroup. There is no editorial intervention.

Please to not send subscription requests to the posting addresses as you will bother everyone on the newsgroup!!!

Replying to messages

If you are using a newsreader, simply use the reply or follow-up command on your newsreader (these vary from program to program) to send either private or public replies.

If you are using e-mail, replies to messages that you receive will *NOT* be automatically returned to the group. This is the standard for Internet mailing lists as opposed to BITNET LISTSERVs which often send all replies back to everyone. You must be certain that your reply contains either of the two newsgroup posting addresses above in your message header if you want to share it with everyone on the group. Otherwise in most cases your reply may go back to only the original poster of the message to which you are replying.

Always be certain that you examine the address on your messages before you send them!!! Once a message is sent there is no way to cancel it or bring it back!!! Some non-Internet compliant mail systems may attempt to send replies to our error-trapping address called BIOSCI-REQUEST. If yours does this, please be sure to readdress your message to urodeles@net.bio.net or urodeles@daresbury.ac.uk if you want to send it to the newsgroup.

Looking at the Archives

Archives for URODELES are kept in the anonymous FTP account at net.bio.net [134.172.2.69]. Look in the directory pub/BIOSCI/URODELES for posting archives. Each file is assigned a date such as 9312 for December 1993. Please note that ours is a UNIX system and all file and directory names are case-sensitive, i.e., upper case file names are different from lower case names.

You can also access these same files via Gopher if you start a gopher session using net.bio.net as your gopher server. Gopher also allows you to view the individual messages within each monthly archive file. The files are in the URODELES directory. Postings to bionet.organisms.urodeles are also WAIS indexed and can be searched via either gopher or WAIS at our site. In gopher the option at net.bio.net is "Search Bionet USENET Articles" and in WAIS one should use the WAIS source biosci.src. This is a WAIS index of all BIOSCI/bionet messages including this newsgroup. Please see the BIOSCI FAQ for details. The FAQ can be requested from biosci-help@net.bio.net.