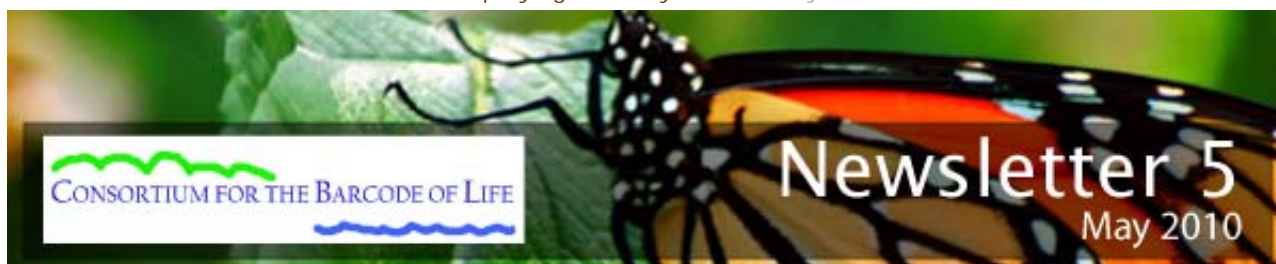


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Message from the Executive Secretary

Barcoding and CBOL have grown to be global initiatives. Our need to communicate has gone beyond what email and phone calls can offer, so CBOL has built a Community Network and is constructing a more dynamic public website. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Events

The European Consortium for the Barcode of Life (ECBOL) will be holding its second conference in Braga, Portugal on 2-4 June 2010. The **ECBOL2 Conference website** provides registration and travel information.

Recent Events and Reports

Information is now available about recent DNA barcoding meetings, including the first meeting of the Network of European Leading Labs (NELL), several recent barcoding events, and other workshop events. [Read more...](#)

CBOL in Barcoding Science

New and exciting barcoding publications continue to come out with increasing frequency. [Read more...](#)

Staff changes in the CBOL Secretariat Office

Meg Fritzsche, CBOL's Administrator since December 2005, will be moving to Guelph, Ontario in June. She will continue working for CBOL until October and will be marrying **Sujeewan Ratnasingham** in November. We know you join us in thanking Meg for her outstanding service to CBOL and in wishing her and Sujeewan a long and happy life together.

Stephanie Wezowicz has joined CBOL as the new Administrator. Stephanie has been Administrative Officer in the Smithsonian's Office of Sponsored Projects for two years

CBOL and Life Technologies form collaboration for technology development

CBOL and **Life Technologies** (formed from the merger of Invitrogen and ABI) have agreed to collaborate on technology development for new barcoding instruments, reagents, kits and software. The collaboration will bring together members of the Life Tech staff, representatives of major barcoding projects, and potential users of barcode data, especially government agencies such as USDA, FDA and EPA. CBOL will convene workshops for exchanges of information that will clarify user needs and the directions that technology development should take. This collaboration will be open and non-exclusive so other technology companies will be free to participate.

New grant for *matK* primer development

The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has awarded £95,518 to the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh to support the development of new tools for barcoding land plants. Pete Hollingsworth, Chair of CBOL's Plant Working Group, is Principal Investigator on the new grant which will focus on developing and testing new primers for *matK*.

Mexico City proceedings volume

CBOL has formed an editorial committee that is producing three proceedings volumes from the **Third International Barcode of Life conference** held in Mexico City last year. The volumes will collect papers on MexBOL, FISH-BOL, and from the plenary speakers. Rob DeSalle is the proceedings editor and the volumes are being submitted to mtDNA and PLoS ONE.

Mexico City Conference videos now online

Video recordings and presentation files of all the plenary and technical session talks from the Third International Barcode of Life Conference are now posted in a **discussion forum** on Connect.Barcodeoflife.net. You'll find pdfs of many of the poster presentations there also. We hope you'll use these discussion areas to exchange ideas,

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and is now eagerly learning about questions and answers related to the presentations.
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