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OzDros News

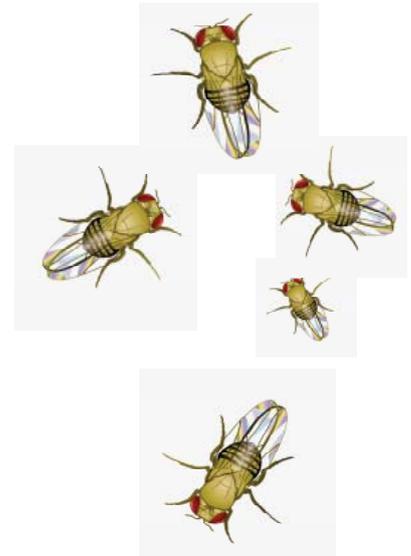
Shopping Cart now Online!

June has been an exciting month at OzDros with our shopping cart and other online services going live! Jump onto the new members page (via the OzDros home page at www.ozdros.com) to see the links to our shopping cart, online importation notification form and online cDNA clone request form.

We have set the shopping cart up so you can search for stocks and browse the whole collection without being a member -hoping this will entice you to send in your Access Agreements!!

To make online orders you will need to individually register an account via the website using your email address. Your account will be activated by the OzDros Manager once acceptance of Access Agreements has been confirmed with Lab Group Heads. See the next page for more information about Access Agreements and fees.

The shopping cart will be regularly updated, as new stocks arrive and the categorisation of stocks is refined to make our system as user friendly as possible. Happy shopping!



OzDros Events - AIMB

OzDros is happy to be providing sponsorship for the Australian Insect Molecular Biology meeting this year, helping to keep prices low so as many of you can attend as possible.

AIMB or 'Corowa' is again being held at the Alpine Ash Conference Centre in the Yarra Valley, on the weekend of August 29th-31st.



AIMB is a great opportunity for honours and early PhD students to present their work and get helpful feedback in a friendly and informal environment.

Richard Burke and Marien de Bruyne from Monash University are this years organisers so please contact them for further information.

OzDros Access

Access agreements were sent out to all Australian *Drosophila* Principle Investigators/Lab Group Heads in early May -if you did not receive an Access package and would like one please contact flyinfo@anu.edu.au

Now that we are fully online we hope you'll see the advantage of becoming an OzDros member. Membership fees for 2008 will be invoiced after receipt of the Access Agreement paperwork.

The Access Agreement covers vital considerations such as PC2/OGTR certification and helps to ensure that OzDros is run equitably for all *Drosophila* researchers. It is therefore important we receive your signed Agreement as soon as possible.

We acknowledge that for some small Labs the proposed annual fee is a

significant cost and alternate arrangements, such as a joint payment with another Lab, can be organised. Alternatively, please remember that you can accept the Access Agreement but choose to pay 'per use' if you would prefer.

Annual fees will be up for review at the end of 2008. We will be considering a weighted fee structure based on usage rather than one blanket fee. As always your input will be sought and feedback appreciated.



Annual Fee Includes:

Unlimited importation of packages including AQIS fees, quarantine clearance, and postage. Unlimited orders from the OzDros stock core collection. Requests for OzDros to purchase and hold specific stocks from other stock centres. Unlimited clone requests and in future various vectors and cheap microinjections. Any reasonable requests will be considered!!

'Per Use' Charges:

For importation;
\$50 per package plus \$2 per vial
For OzDros orders;
\$10 per small package or \$15 per large package plus \$2 per vial
For clone requests;
\$15 per package plus \$2 per extra clone (including Express Postage).

Quarantine Reminder

If you would like to import stocks of *Drosophila* through our QAP please see the importing and ordering page on our website for full instructions.

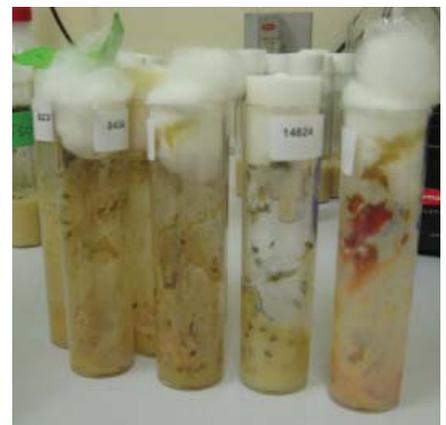
You should now use our **online notification form** (on the members page) to let us know when to expect imported stocks. This is especially important for stocks from your overseas collaborators which often come without paperwork making it hard to know who they are for or where they should go. This is not necessary for stocks from VDRC or Bloomington as these always come with clear documentation, unless you want acknowledgement of their arrival.

A reminder of the import process:

You will need to supply the lab from which you are requesting stocks with a copy of our import permit (pdf available on our website) and ask them to label the package with "Live insects under quarantine: *Drosophila melanogaster*, import permit IP07006145 copy attached".

They will also need to include a statement on their letterhead saying that the samples are laboratory stocks of *Drosophila melanogaster* for research purposes only (pdf template available on our website).

Ask them to address the package;
To You
c/o Robert Saint,
RSBS, ANU,
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Core Collection Update



The OzDros core collection has now exceeded 2500 stocks! Now that our shopping cart is online we hope you'll find we have many useful stocks in our collection. We will consider importing any stocks that will be of benefit to Australian researchers so let us know if there's something you need.

Currently our stocks include the Bloomington Deficiency Kit, various mapping stocks, MARCM, DTS lethal and GAL80 stocks, most of the stocks from predefined sets of FLP/FRT, GFP and GAL4 with the

UAS lines on their way. We also have Bloomington and Basler PhiC31 stocks, various RNAi lines from the VDRC and NIG, and a few stocks from Szeged and Kyoto.

As of January 2008 we have started keeping a record of all stocks coming through our QAP and want to add your stock inventory to this, to create a national database of *Drosophila* stocks. We hope to reduce the need to import and the costs associated by facilitating the sharing of resources. Please help us do so by sending a copy of your Lab stock list.

Until Next Time...

Dear Dr,

We just hired a molecular biologist. Man, he is small.

For those suffering the cold like us poor folks in Canberra....How can you better understand genetics in cold weather? Put your codon!

Don't stop concentrating yet... Cell about to undergo mitosis to an interested geneticist: "I hope I have your divided attention"

And finally, while I was in the UK... A bloke walks into the pub and asks for a pint of Adenosinetriphosphate. The barman says "That'll be 80p please".



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OzDros is dedicated to providing the Australian research community with low cost, efficient and professional support for all your *Drosophila* needs.

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