

she has fostered the dissemination of relevant scientific information by her work for Mouse News Letter and its successor, Mouse Genome, e.g. as Editor from 1956 to 1970, more recently as a Chairman of Mouse News Letter Ltd and in many other ways. Equally important has been her service on the Committee for Standardized Genetic Nomenclature for Mice, which she joined in 1958 and has chaired since 1975. It is through her vigilance, foresight, powers of persuasion and sheer hard work that mouse genetic nomenclature is in its present satisfactory state, without any of the confusion and uncertainty which could easily have dogged such a rapidly advancing science. Thirdly, she found time among all her other activities to co-edit a new and greatly enlarged edition of *Genetic Variants and Strains of the Laboratory Mouse*, bearing her full share of all the extra work which that involved. It is also worth mentioning here that she has served or is serving on the Editorial Boards of at least eleven journals besides *Genetical Research*. She also officiated as Hon. Treasurer of the Genetical Society for a number of years and later as Vice-President.

Mary's scientific achievements led to her election in 1973 as Fellow of the Royal Society, which awarded her a Royal Medal in 1984. In 1979 she was elected a

Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences, also a Foreign Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1980. She is an Honorary Fellow of her old College, Girton, and has received many other honours and awards.

Despite her imminent 'retirement', Mary continues to work with the efficiency and drive for which she is noted, making full use of the latest techniques and computer wizardry. Transgenic mice are now tools for further investigation of the *t*-complex, the wide array of *p* mutations is receiving closer attention but, more evident still, is her considerable interest in unravelling genomic regions of man-mouse homology, with her *Mouse Chromosome Atlas* as a very elegant way of illustrating these. With funds to continue this work, Mary's retirement looks set to be purely nominal and, with freedom from administrative chores, we hope she can enjoy many more years of exciting research and discovery with her colleagues.

Mary, we salute you! Thanks for everything and best wishes for the future!

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