Dear Prospective Exhibitor:

You are invited to exhibit at the 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference to be held at the Hilton Americas-Houston in Houston, Texas. March 29–April 2, 2006. **Exhibition dates are March 30–April 1.**

The 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference will include plenary sessions and workshops, as well as submitted abstracts presented in platform and poster formats. Daily poster sessions are scheduled during exhibit hours and beverages will be served during the scheduled poster presentation sessions. Your company is invited to sponsor the refreshments during one or more of the sessions. If you are interested in sponsorship, please see the information on page 5, or contact me.

In attendance will be senior scientists, academicians, research laboratory directors and staff members, as well as advanced degree students of Drosophila genetics and other biological sciences. Attendance in 2005 reached 1600 and 2006’s attendance is expected to be slightly higher.

I hope the 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference is a meeting that will be on your show calendar for 2006.

Sincerely,
Toney Vogel
Exhibit Manager
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Application/Contract for Exhibit Space is available at: 
HTTP://WWW.DROSOPHILA-CONF.ORG/
The Genetics Society of America  
The Genetics Society of America (GSA) sponsors and supports specialty meetings for sharing research on a variety of organisms, and serves as a central resource for information dissemination and exchange. GSA also promotes communication among genetics researchers and provides educational opportunities through its journal, *GENETICS*, and individual genetics specialty meetings. Currently, the GSA membership numbers over 4,600 professionals who are involved in basic genetics research at university, government and private facilities.

The 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference will bring together 1,600+ senior scientists from a range of biological sciences, academicians, and advanced degree students involved in the study of biology and more specifically, genetics of Drosophila.

Scientific Program Highlights  
Annual Drosophila conferences are highlighted by plenary sessions, workshops, platform sessions and poster presentations, focusing on the latest findings in Drosophila research. The 2006 sessions will include the following topics:

- Cell division and growth control
- Cytoskeleton and cellular biology
- Genome and chromosome structure
- Regulation of gene expression
- Signal transduction
- Pattern formation
- Gametogenesis and sex determination
- Organogenesis
- Neurogenetics and neural development
- Neural physiology and behavior
- Evolution and quantitative genetics
- Immune system and apoptosis
- Techniques and genomics
- Immune system and cell death
- Drosophila models of human diseases
- Physiology and aging

Attendance and Conference Site History, 1996–2005

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Full payment is required at time of application and must be in the form of a money order or check payable to “GSA” or credit card (VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover). To make payment by credit card, include the type of card, name of credit card holder (exactly as printed on card), account number and expiration date, and the amount to be charged. Please be certain that the card holder signs the application in the designated space.

Included in Space Rental Fee

- 8'-high pipe and backdrapes, 36"-high side dividers and carpeting. Each exhibit space will measure approximately 10' x 10';
- Identification sign with exhibitor’s name and exhibit number measuring 7" x 44";
- One 6’ draped table, 2 pull-up chairs and a wastebasket;
- Up to 300 pounds of advance warehouse drayage service (receiving, storage, delivery);
- *Listing on the GSA 2006 Drosophila Meeting Web site with hyperlink to exhibitor’s site;*
- One copy of the program and abstracts volume for each 10’ x 10’ space leased;
- Exclusive opportunity to purchase meeting preregistration list or labels before the meeting, and complimentary meeting registration list or labels following the meeting;
- Passes for guests of exhibitors to view exhibits, available in limited quantities on site;
- Listing with product descriptions in the Guide to Exhibits as part of the program and abstracts volume;
- Exhibitor registration for six company representatives for each space leased; and
- Admittance to all scientific sessions and posters for exhibit personnel.

The official service decorator is Brede National Exposition Services.
Advertising, Sponsorship and Pre-Meeting Mailing Request Form

Advertising space in the program and abstracts volume, the official publication of the Annual Drosophila Research Conference, is available as follows:

- $1,500 Outside back cover, full page, 4-color
- $1,000 Inside back cover, full page, black and white only
- $ 700 Inside page facing inside back cover, black and white only
- $ 500 Inside full page, editor's placement, black and white only

Reservations for priority placements (first three options above) will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, determined by receipt of request with full payment.

In addition, exhibitors are invited to sponsor coffee and soda breaks, or the Opening Reception, as follow:

- $ 5,000 Coffee Break during scientific sessions (4 opportunities)
- $ 3,000 Afternoon or Evening Soda Break during poster sessions (6 opportunities)
- $10,000 Continental Breakfast on first morning (1 opportunity)
- $10,000 Opening Reception on opening night (1 opportunities)

Sponsors of the above functions will be acknowledged by the Drosophila Conference with special signage, acknowledgment in the Program and Abstracts Volume and during the Conference, a complimentary ad in the Program and Abstracts Volume (non-premium placement) and a complimentary preregistration mailing diskette.

Payments may be made by check (payable to "GSA") or credit card charge to VISA, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Please include type of credit card, account number, expiration date, exact name on credit card, and signature of the cardholder. Credit card reservations may be faxed to (301) 634-7079. Mail form with payments made by check. Make checks payable to GSA.

Exhibiting Company
Contact Name Tel.
Place a full-page Ad: Sponsor:
- $1,500 outside back cover, 4-color $ 5,000 Coffee Break
- $1,000 inside back cover, b&w $ 3,000 Soda Break
- $ 700 facing inside back cover, b&w $10,000 Continental Breakfast
- $ 500 editor's inside placement, b&w $10,000 Opening Reception

Purchase:
- $600 Preregistration Mailing Diskette

TOTAL AMOUNT: $_____check enclosed $_______ to be charged to as follows:
Charge to: _____Visa _____MasterCard _____American Express _____Discover
Account #_______ __________ __________ __________ Exp. Date__________________
Cardholder Name_________________________________________________________
Cardholder Signature____________________________________________Date_________
DROSOPHILA RESEARCH CONFERENCE PAST EXHIBITORS

Accusoft
Ambion, Inc.
Axon Instruments
Barnstead International
Bartels & Stout, Inc.
B D Biosciences
Biologix Research Company
Bioptigen, Inc.
Blackwell Publishing Ltd.
Capitol Vial, Inc.
Carl Zeiss Microimaging, Inc.
Chroma Technology Corp.
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press
DOT Scientific, Inc.
Drosophila Genomics Resource Center
Fisher Scientific Company
Flymax Scientific Equipment, Ltd.
Genesee Scientific
Genetic Services, Inc.
Intavis, LLC
KD Medical
Leica Microsystems, Inc.
Li-Cor Biosciences
National Center for Biotechnology Information
NASA Ames Research Center - Space Station Biological Research
Nikon, Inc.
Noldus Information Technology
Olympus America, Inc.
Open Biosystems
Parter Medical Products
Percival Scientific, Inc.
Powers Scientific, Inc.
Sci-Mart, Inc.
Spectrmedix Corporation
Transgenomic, Inc.
Trikinetics, Inc.
Union Biometrica, Inc.
Viewpoint Life Sciences, Inc.

Individuals Requiring Assistance
Registrants with questions regarding special housing, transportation and auxiliary requirements should contact the GSA Annual Meeting Office, 9650 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20814-3998; telephone: (301) 634-7300, fax: (301) 634-7079, e-mail: brownsuzy@verizon.net. Without prior notification, we cannot assure that arrangements can be made at the Conference. If you will require assistance, BE CERTAIN TO ADVISE EXHIBIT MANAGEMENT IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL AT THE CONFERENCE.
Meeting Location
The Conference will be held in Houston, Texas. Houston is easily accessible by air and major interstate highways. The average high temperature during the Conference dates is 77 degrees Fahrenheit; the average low is 56 degrees Fahrenheit. The hotel room block and all sessions of the Conference are at the Hilton Americas - Houston. This facility is conveniently located near airports and minutes from downtown’s wealth of dining, entertainment, cultural and nightlife attractions.

The Houston Airport System, consisting of Bush Intercontinental Airport, William P. Hobby Airport, and Ellington Field, provides nonstop service to a total of 184 cities worldwide.

The MetroRail, a 7.5-mile light rail system, links downtown with the Museum District, the Medical Center and Reliant Park.

Hotel Accommodations
The GSA has contracted with the Hilton Americas - Houston for special conference rates ranging from only $149 single or double up to $179 single or double, plus applicable taxes.

Hotel and Reservations
The Hilton Americas - Houston hotel offers a comprehensive business center, three restaurants, the Lobby Bar, Java Coast Coffee Emporium, and the Skyline Spa & Health Club. The hotel is one block from Toyota Center (home of the Rockets, Comets and Aeros) and two blocks from Minute Maid Park (home of the Houston Astros). It is minutes from the theater district which includes Jones Hall, The Wortham and Hobby Center, and from the cultural museum corridor, which includes the Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Natural Science, Contemporary Arts Museum and the Holocaust Museum.

To reserve a hotel room at the Hilton Americas online, please go to http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/private_groups/houcvhh_gsa/index.jhtml

Or, if you prefer, you may complete as instructed the Housing Application and Reservation Form contained in the pdf file and mail it to the Hilton Americas - Houston. Note that reservations will be accepted only when accompanied by a credit card guarantee with a deposit of the first night’s room and tax.

Reservations also may be made at the Hilton Americas - Houston by telephone, or fax to the numbers on the reservation form.

Deadline for receipt of reservations: Monday, February 27, 2006. When contacting the hotel by telephone, identify yourself as an attendee of the 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference and request the group rate for The Genetics Society of America.

Please note that neither the Hilton Americas - Houston nor the GSA staff will assist in finding or assigning roommates. However, individuals looking for roommates may check the online bulletin board at the Drosophila Conference registration site (http://www.drosophila-conf.org/), which opens on or around November 4, 2005.

The Hilton Americas - Houston will process reservation requests on a first-come, first-served basis. To make reservations by telephone, call (800) HILTONS (reservations only); Texas residents call (713) 739-8000 (hotel’s main number); or fax the form to (713) 739-8007. For general information about the hotel go to the Hilton Americas - Houston site at: http://www.americashouston.hilton.com

Please note: the deadline for RECEIPT of hotel reservations is Monday, February 27, 2006.
Room Types and Rates

Room descriptions and pictures are available at http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/private_groups/houcvhh_gsa/index.jhtml

RATES:
Standard Rooms:
Single  1 person, 1 king-size bed  $149
Double  2 persons, 1 king-size bed $149
**Triple  3 persons, 2 double beds $179
**Quad  4 persons, 2 double beds $189

Concierge Level Rooms:
Single  1 person, 1 king-size bed $179
Double  2 persons, 1 king-size bed $179
**Triple  3 persons, 2 double beds $209
**Quad  4 persons, 2 double beds $219

All rates are per room, per night and do not include local room tax of 17%. Maximum occupancy per room is four people.
**Single person roll-away beds may be requested for triple and quad rooms, but availability is limited and an additional charge will apply.

IMPORTANT: Room Reservation Cancellation Policy
To receive a credit or refund of the required first night’s room and tax deposit, cancellation must be made at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled arrival date and time to obtain a refund of the advance deposit. Check-in time is 12:00 PM, so the cancellation must be made by 12:00 PM two days before the reserved arrival date.
Though the Hilton Americas - Houston is handicapped accessible, it is the guest’s responsibility to advise the hotel of special needs as far in advance as possible. Every effort will be made to accommodate special needs.

Ground Transportation
Shuttle van service and taxis are available at the airport. Shuttle service is currently $19.00 each way; taxi service is currently about $38.00 each way.

Parking
Self parking is available at the Hilton Americas - Houston for guests staying at the hotel at $12 per day, and for those not staying at the Hilton at $3–4 per hour, up to a daily maximum of $10.
Housing Application and Reservation Form

Receipt Deadline: February 27, 2006

For general information, room descriptions, pictures and to make your reservations ONLINE:
http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/private_groups/houcvhh_gsa/index.jhtml

BY FAX: (713) 739-8007

BY TELEPHONE:
Outside Texas, US and Canada: (800) HILTONS (reservations only)
Texas residents: (713) 739-8000 (main number)
Hilton Americas - Houston
500 Hotel Circle North
Houston, Texas 92108 USA

BY MAIL: Reservations Department
Reservations Department
Hilton Americas - Houston
500 Hotel Circle North
Houston, Texas 92108 USA

• DO NOT make reservations by more than ONE METHOD noted above, as it will result in a duplicate reservation and you will
be charged for 2 deposits (i.e., do not fax and telephone reservation requests). Reserve early! Space is limited.

• If you are making reservations for more than one room, this form may be photocopied. Only ONE room reservation can be made
per application form. All individuals sharing this one room should be listed below.

• Confirmations will be sent by the hotel ONLY to the first person named below. The first person named below is responsible for
making and providing copies to individuals sharing the room.

• Reservations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the Drosophila room block is sold out, your reservation
request may be referred to another nearby hotel at a higher rate.

“INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW IN THE “SHARING WITH” SECTION SHOULD NOT SUBMIT SEPARATE RESERVATION FORMS.
THIS WILL RESULT IN DUPLICATE RESERVATIONS AND NO-SHOW CHARGES BY THE HOTEL. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL TO
WHOM CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT IS THE FIRST LISTED: (Separate confirmations will not be sent to individuals listed as
sharing the room.)

1st Person
                     First Name  M.I.  Last Name
                     Dept. and Institution
                     Street Address or P.O. Box Number
                     City    State    Zip/Mail Code                Country
                     Telephone Number                                      FAX Number                                               E-mail Address
                     ARRIVAL: Date  DEPARTURE: Date
                     Check-in time is 3:00 PM. Check-out time is 12:00 PM.

ROOM TYPE/ROOM RATE: Please check only ONE box to indicate room type requested. Roll away beds may be requested but are not
guaranteed. Taxes of 17% are not included in rates shown and will be added.

Standard Rooms:
☐ Single   1 person, 1 king-size bed $149
☐ Double   2 persons, 1 king-size bed $149
☐ Triple   3 persons, 2 double beds $179
☐ Quad     4 persons, 2 double beds $189

☐ Smoking  ☐ Non-smoking  ☐ Disabled Room  ☐ Other special requests

Concierge Level Rooms:
☐ Single   1 person, 1 king-size bed $179
☐ Double   2 persons, 1 king-size bed $179
☐ Triple   3 persons, 2 double beds $209
☐ Quad     4 persons, 2 double beds $219

☐ Smoking  ☐ Non-smoking  ☐ Disabled Room  ☐ Other special requests

SHARING A ROOM: (Individuals listed below should not submit separate reservation forms because duplicate reservations could result, causing
automatic cancellation of reservations, or no-show charges by the hotel! Confirmation will be sent ONLY to 1st person named above.) If more than one
person occupies a room, specify roommate names below:

2nd person__________________________________________________________________________ 3rd person
4th person__________________________________________________________________________  No more than 4 persons per room allowed.

ROOM RESERVATION GUARANTEE AND CANCELLATION: Reservation must be guaranteed with one-night’s room deposit by major credit
card. It is the hotel’s policy to charge your credit card one night’s room and tax deposit at the time you make your reservation. To obtain a refund of
deposit, Cancellations must be made by 12:00 PM, 48 hours prior to the scheduled arrival date.

Card Type_________________________________________________________ Card #_________________________  Exp Date:__________

EXACT name on card_________________________ Signature_________________________
(Print name)
GENERAL INFORMATION, RULES AND REGULATIONS

GSA Exhibit Management will monitor conformity to these Rules and Regulations for the 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference.

Presentation of Products or Services
The purpose of The Genetics Society of America (GSA) exhibit program is to further the education of individuals involved in genetics research. Therefore, all exhibits must be of an educational character or practical application emphasizing instruments, products or services for use in teaching, laboratories and basic research. Or they must offer books or other publications in scientific fields of relevance to registrants, or that directly convey scientific research findings in those areas of science represented by GSA.

Applications for space and all required information and documents must be received on or before the established deadlines. Applications may be refused or booth space restricted due to space limitations or other reasons determined by the GSA management. In keeping with the educational purpose of the Drosophila Research Conference exhibits program, sales and order taking (entering a contract of sale) are discouraged on the exhibit floor and other related areas during the annual Drosophila Research Conference.

Space Assignment
Space assignments will be made based on date of receipt of complete application, including product descriptions and full payment of applicable fees, on a first-received (date stamped), first-assigned basis. The final arrangements will be determined by Exhibit Management in such a way as to produce the most advantageous grouping of exhibits. GSA shall have no liability if the space location assigned is not as requested.

A description of products and services to be displayed must be received no later than January 27, 2006, along with the application and full payment, as part of this application for review by GSA and to assure inclusion in the Guide to Exhibits and official meeting program.

General Conduct of Exhibits
The following practices are prohibited at the GSA meeting:
1. Noisy electrical or mechanical apparatus interfering with poster presentations or other exhibitors;
2. Operation of X-ray equipment;
3. Canvassing or distributing any material in exhibit hall aisles, convention facility public space or other space outside the exhibitor's contracted booth space;
4. The use of billboard advertisements and/or display of signs outside the exhibit area;
5. Soliciting participation in surveys or otherwise harassing registrants;
6. Publicizing and/or maintaining any extracurricular activities, inducements, demonstrations, or displays away from the exhibit area during the exhibit hours or scientific session hours of the meeting;
7. Contests, lotteries, raffles or games of chance;
8. Entry into another exhibitor's booth without their express permission;
9. Photographing, videotaping or examining another exhibitor's equipment without permission;
10. Subletting of exhibit space; or
11. The use of magicians, fortune-tellers, dancers, puppets or other entertainment of this nature.

Relevant portions of the foregoing prohibited practices are applicable to non-exhibitors at all times. Non-exhibitors may not solicit business from scientific registrants or companies exhibiting, nor will their materials be accepted for distribution on site.
The use of open audio systems is discouraged. Requests to use an open audio system must be approved by Exhibit Management. The exhibitor must agree to discontinue broadcasting if the sound level is deemed objectionable to the registrants or adjacent exhibitors. Playing music in the exhibit hall is prohibited and will be strictly enforced.

The character of exhibits is subject to the approval of GSA management. GSA reserves the right to refuse applications of concerns not meeting standards required or expected. GSA management also reserves the right to curtail or to close exhibits or parts of exhibits that reflect unfavorably on the character of the meeting. This applies to displays, literature, advertising novelties, souvenirs, conduct and attire of persons, etc.

Exhibitors are requested to staff their exhibits with personnel attired in a manner consistent with the intent of the meeting and knowledgeable in the products and policies of the exhibiting company.

Use of Animals
The use of live animals, photographs, videotapes or any other form of visual display of surgery being performed is not permitted in exhibit booths.

Use of GSA Name or Logo
The use of The Genetics Society of America (GSA) name and logo is prohibited on signs or descriptive product literature inside or outside the exhibit area. However, reference may be made to the meeting as the “47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference,” that includes place and dates, on the exhibitor’s advertising or convention giveaways.

Distribution of Giveaways
Exhibitors will be permitted to distribute appropriate promotional material and approved related items only from the exhibit booth. In keeping with the educational purpose of the exhibit program, all giveaways except literature must have advance approval of Exhibit Management and must conform to acceptable, professional standards. Approval is at the sole discretion of GSA. Exhibitors will receive the appropriate application for proposed giveaways.

Fire Prevention Regulations
The following does not, by any means, totally encompass the Hilton Americas - Houston fire codes. However, it does provide basic guidelines governing exhibits/material flammability.

1. Display Construction: Combustible materials must be treated with an effective flame-retardant material. All curtains, drapes, carpet, carpet padding and decorative materials must be made of flame-retardant materials or sprayed with a flame retardant.
2. Volatile or flammable fluids, gases, substances or other materials, including aerosol cans with flammable propellants, gas operated cooking equipment, wood matches with all-surface strikes, portable heating equipment and excessive display literature are prohibited in the Hilton Americas - Houston.
3. Storage: Nothing may be stored behind space drapes. All packing containers, wrapping materials, carrying cases, etc., must be stored off the exhibit floor. The Hilton Americas - Houston representative will inspect all exhibit space to ensure compliance.
4. Drainage Systems: No oils or combustible liquids are to be poured into the Hilton Americas - Houston drainage or sewer systems. Proper disposal methods must be provided by the exhibitor and approved by the Hilton Americas - Houston.
5. Emergency Equipment: No emergency phones, alarms, sprinkler valves or hose connections may be obstructed by booths, stands, signs, displays or any other items of an exhibit.
Enforcement of Rules
By applying for exhibit space, an exhibitor agrees to adhere to all conditions and regulations outlined in this brochure. Conforming to these Rules and Regulations for the 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference will be monitored by Exhibit Management.

Each exhibitor is granted nothing more than a terminable license to exhibit, subject to all the rules herein and the general control of GSA. If GSA determines that any exhibitor has failed to comply with any rules herein or any directive issued to the exhibitor by GSA Exhibit Management, the license may be terminated and the exhibit closed without notice. In all interpretations of the Rules and Regulations, GSA Exhibit Management’s decision is final.

Space Cancellation and Reduction
Cancellation and reduction notices must be submitted in writing to Exhibit Management.
Cancellation and Reduction Assessments:
- If canceled or reduced on or before January 27, 2006, entire payment will be refunded.
- If canceled or reduced on or before February 24, 2006, 50% of total cost of all space will be refunded.
- If canceled or reduced after February 24, 2006, exhibitor forfeits 100% of total cost of all space leased.

Installation of Exhibits
Wednesday, March 29: 12:00 PM–5:00 PM (Permission to work after 5:00 PM may be obtained from GSA Exhibit Management.)

Please note that children under the age of 12 are not permitted in the exhibit hall during set-up or dismantling of exhibits. A labor crew will be available on set-up day in accordance with advance orders. Exhibitors are urged to order all necessary labor and services in advance. Service order forms will be available online.

All exhibit material must be unpacked by 5:00 PM, Wednesday, March 29, to permit removal of empty crates and cartons from the exhibit area. Any exhibit that is not unpacked by this time will be placed in storage and can be returned only after the exhibits close on the first day of exhibiting. Or GSA Exhibit Management may order the exhibit set up by the decorator and the cost charged to the exhibitor. No refuse, such as empty cartons, may be placed in the aisles after the final sweeping of aisles in the exhibit area. Booth space cleaning is not included in the cost of the booth and must be ordered in advance.

Preliminary Schedule of Exhibit Hours
Though registrants have access to the exhibit and poster area to view posters on a 24-hour basis beginning Wednesday, March 29, at 5:00 PM, specific exhibit and poster viewing sessions are scheduled to assure traffic through exhibits at predetermined times. Currently two poster presentations are scheduled, though times are subject to changes made by the program committee. GSA Exhibit Management will make every effort to inform exhibitors as soon as schedule changes, if any, are made.

- Thursday, March 30: 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM
  8:00 PM–11:00 PM
- Friday, March 31: 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM
  8:00 PM–11:00 PM
- Saturday, April 1: 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM
  8:00 PM–11:00 PM

Deliveries or removal of equipment must be made before or after exhibit hours. A Request to Remove Materials form must be obtained from Exhibit Management to remove any material or equipment before Sunday, April 2, at 8:00 AM. Once the exhibit hall officially opens on Thursday morning, March 30, nothing may be removed until 8:00 AM, Sunday, April 2.
Dismantling and Move-Out of Exhibits—Sunday, April 2, 8:00 AM–11:00 AM
Exhibitors may begin dismantling and packing materials on Sunday, April 2, at 8:00 AM. All exhibitors must have all exhibit materials packed and removed (or ready for removal by the decorator) from the exhibit area by 11:00 AM on Sunday.

Use of Exhibit Space
The aisles are the property of all the exhibitors. Therefore, each exhibitor has the responsibility to assure proper flow of traffic through the exhibit area. Do not place your demonstration areas on the aisle line of your exhibit if you expect many people to congregate at one time. Leave space within your own exhibit area to absorb the majority of the crowd.

Security
The Exhibit Hall will be open to meeting registrants on a 24-hour basis beginning at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 29, until 11:00 AM on Sunday, April 2. GSA will have a security guard posted at the entrance to the Hall for the sole purpose of assuring the safety of meeting registrants, not to watch equipment, displays or materials of exhibitors.

Guard is not intended to secure the property of exhibitors, employees of exhibitors or others. Exhibitors are solely responsible for the security and safety of their equipment and materials. The exhibitors should consider hiring security to guard their exhibit and materials during times when exhibitor’s personnel are not staffing the exhibit. The GSA and its employees, the Hilton Americas - Houston, the Drosophila Board of Directors, Brede National Exposition Services, and the contracted security company will not assume liability for any losses of any materials nor items taken from the Exhibit Hall nor from the Hilton Americas - Houston. Exhibitors are expected to take all appropriate measures to safeguard their displays and equipment.

Furniture, Labor, Carpeting Rentals
Forms and information necessary to order labor, furniture or carpet may be obtained by contacting in advance the official service contractor listed below.

Exhibits requiring laborers to build or assist in constructing displays should order the necessary labor in advance. For order forms contact:

Ms. Jan Alexander
Brede National Exposition Services
6801 Mid-Cities Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705
telephone: (301) 937-8600    fax: (301) 937-2952    e-mail: jalexander@brede.com

Electricity, Exhibit Space Cleaning, Telephones
Booth cleaning and electrical supply are not included in the exhibit fee, and exhibitors are encouraged to order these services before show opening. Forms for ordering booth cleaning and electrical can be obtained from Brede National Exposition Services at the address above. Electrical and cleaning forms must be completed according to instructions on the forms.

Drayage and Shipping
Brede National Exposition Services will handle drayage. Up to 300 pounds of advance warehouse drayage is included in the space license fee. This service includes receiving freight/shipments at the Brede National Exposition Services warehouse, storage of freight until delivery to the meeting site, and delivery to the exhibitor’s assigned exhibit space. All freight charges must be PREPAID. Complete information on drayage rates is available in advance upon request from Brede National (see above contact). Exhibitors shipping by van, motor freight or air must send a copy of the bill of lading. The bill of lading must include the number of pieces, weight, classifications, carrier and routing of delivering carrier to Brede National Exposition Services.

The services provided by Brede National Exposition Services include: 1) receiving and storing boxed or crated display shipments at their warehouse, 2) delivery to the exhibitor’s booth, and 3) removal of boxed shipments from the booth and reloading same on outgoing carriers.
ONLY BOXED OR CRATED SHIPMENTS MAY BE CONSIGNED TO THE BREDE NATIONAL WAREHOUSE.
Brede National Exposition Services will receive freight beginning Friday, February 24, 2006, until Friday, March 24, 2006, and will store freight until delivery to the Hilton Americas - Houston. All freight shipments consigned to the warehouse must arrive no later than March 24. Freight to be received and stored by Brede National Exposition Services should be shipped to:

Attention: 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference
Booth #_______
C/o Brede/National - Yellow Freight
6767 NO. FREEWAY
Houston, TX 77076

DIRECT SHIPMENTS of exhibit boxes and crates to the Hilton Americas - Houston ARE NOT ALLOWED AND WILL BE REFUSED.

Storage of Boxes, Containers and Shipping Materials
Brede National Exposition Services will store boxes and containers for exhibitors. Empty crates, boxes and cartons must be removed from the exhibit area by 4:00 PM, March 29. These materials should be nested as much as possible. Do not store anything of value in crates going into storage. “Empty” stickers, which must be placed on all containers to be stored and returned at the close of the exhibit, will be available from Brede National personnel during move-in hours. Containers, boxes and cartons not labeled with an “Empty” sticker will be considered refuse and will be disposed of. Boxes and cartons may not be stored behind exhibit space back drapes. Boxes and containers retained by exhibit personnel may be brought back to the exhibit area at 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 2.
Exhibitors may pack displays and must remove them (or have them ready for removal) by 11:00 AM on Sunday, April 2.

Decorators Services
Services are limited to those outlined in this prospectus. A representative of Brede National Exposition Services will be on site during scheduled move-in, set-up and dismantle hours.

Exhibit Personnel Registration
Exhibit personnel may register at the main Conference Registration Desk, which will be located in the lobby of the Hilton Americas - Houston. Exhibitors must have a badge to enter the exhibit area and scientific sessions. Exhibiting companies must supply the name(s) of their representative(s) in advance for badge preparation. Exhibitor employees who are registered in advance will receive their badges by mail, if registrations are received by Exhibit Management by Friday, March 3, 2006. Employees registering after that date must pick up their badges at the Registration Desk on site.

Guests of Exhibitors
Every effort will be made to ensure that only properly identified and authorized registrants enter the exhibit area. To this end, badges will be made available in limited numbers for exhibitor guests and can be obtained at the Registration Desk. Guests are defined as individuals the exhibitor wishes to invite to view their display that would not otherwise be registering for the meeting. Guest of Exhibitor badges permit entry only to the commercial exhibits area and do not authorize entry to scientific sessions or to the scientific poster area.

It is the responsibility of the exhibiting company and its representatives to inform guests of all rules and regulations contained in this brochure.

Insurance/Liability
Under the terms of this License Agreement, it is understood that exhibitors are expected to leave the Exhibit Hall in the same condition in which they found it and should not make or attempt alterations of any kind without express written permission from GSA Exhibit Management and the Hilton Americas - Houston.
Exhibitor assumes entire responsibility for its property and activities, and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, defend and save The Genetics Society of America, the Hilton Americas - Houston, Brede National Exposition Services, Exhibit Management and their respective employees and agents harmless against all claims, losses, and damages to persons or property, governmental charges or fines, and attorneys’ fees arising out of or caused by Exhibitor’s installation, removal, maintenance, occupancy or use of the exhibition premises or a part thereof, excluding any such liability caused by the sole negligence of the parties referred to above. In addition, Exhibitor acknowledges that The Genetics Society of America, the Hilton Americas - Houston, Brede National Exposition Services, and Exhibit Management do not maintain insurance covering Exhibitor’s property or activities and that it is the sole responsibility of Exhibitor to obtain insurance covering all risks and perils.

Exhibit Management

Contact:
Toney Vogel, Exhibit Manager
The Genetics Society of America
9650 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814-3998
telephone: (301) 634-7311 fax: (301) 634-7079 e-mail: tvogel@genetics-gsa.org
APPLICATION FOR EXHIBIT SPACE LICENSE

COMPANY NAME (Exhibitor)

Please print company name and address as it is to appear in the Guide to Exhibits and on exhibit personnel badges.

ADDRESS

CITY______________________________STATE__________ZIP CODE__________COUNTRY________

TELEPHONE (_______) ____________________ FAX (_______)

E-MAIL_________________________________ URL______________________

PRE-SHOW CONTACT: NAME______________________________ EMAIL______________________

BOOTH REQUESTED: 1ST __________ 2ND __________ 3RD __________

Exhibitor requests that the assigned space is not located adjacent or opposite any of the following companies:

Exhibitor understands that this is a request only and that, though GSA will make every effort to comply with requests, GSA will have no liability if the space location assigned is not as requested.

NOTE: FOR INCLUSION IN THE DROSOPHILA RESEARCH CONFERENCE PROGRAM, ATTACH A DESCRIPTION OF 50 WORDS OR FEWER TO THIS CONTRACT. THIS DESCRIPTION MUST REACH THE GSA OFFICE BY Friday, January 27, 2006, TO ASSURE ITS INCLUSION IN THE GUIDE.

$1300 for Commercial Exhibit x __________ (number of spaces) = $ __________

$ 500 for Not-for-Profit Exhibit x __________ (number of spaces) = $ __________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ __________

Please charge our payment in the amount of $________ to:

VISA _____ MasterCard _____ American Express _____ Discover

Account #:_____________________________ Expiration Date:____________

Name exactly as shown on card (please print):_____________________________

Card Holder Signature:____________________________

Exhibitor hereby applies for an Exhibit Space License on the terms stated at: http://www.drosophila-conf.org/ and in the General Information and Rules and Regulations for exhibiting.

EXHIBITING COMPANY (Print name of company/organization exhibiting)

Company_________________________________________ The Genetics Society of America

By______________________________________ By____________________________________

Title______________________________________ Title____________________________________

Date______________________________________ Date____________________________________

PRINT, SIGN AND RETURN TO: Toney Vogel, Exhibits Manager
The Genetics Society of America
9650 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814-3998
Telephone: (301) 634-7311 Fax: (301) 634-7079 E-mail: tvogel@genetics-gsa.org
EXHIBIT SPACE LICENSE AGREEMENT

Subject to acceptance by The Genetics Society of America (GSA), Exhibitor, as named on the front of this instrument, hereby contracts for a license to use exhibit space(s) at $1300 USD (commercial exhibitors), $500 (not-for-profit exhibitors) at the 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference located at the Hilton Americas - Houston, Houston, Texas, March 29-April 2, 2006, solely for the purpose of exhibiting a display having educational or practical application in the field of genetics and/or biological research which emphasizes instruments, publications, supplies, products or services for use in teaching or research. Sales, order taking and entering into contracts of sale on the exhibit floor or other related convention areas during the meeting are discouraged. License will not be granted for exhibits that principally express a point of view.

Exhibitor agrees that it will use the space solely for an exhibit as specified in the attached description. Descriptions not exceeding 50 words in length, received by Friday, January 27, 2006, will be printed in the official Drosophila Research Conference Program and Abstracts volume. Longer descriptions will be edited or returned to the Exhibitor at the discretion of GSA. Contracts not containing a description will cause the listing in the Program to be limited to the information contained on this contract. GSA reserves the right, without refund, to refuse to allow the placement or maintenance at the Conference of any exhibit that does not in good faith substantially conform to the description provided with this instrument or which contains unrelated material(s).

To secure space, Exhibitor has enclosed with this application the total payment of $1300 (commercial exhibitor) or $500 (not-for-profit exhibitor). Payment by check or charge to VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express will be accepted. GSA agrees that Exhibitor may cancel or reduce the amount of space applied for on this agreement on or before January 27, 2006, and that if it does so, the entire amount will be refunded. If Exhibitor cancels this agreement or reduces the amount of space applied for after January 27, 2006, but on or before February 24, 2006, GSA may retain 50% of the payment for each space reserved. If Exhibitor cancels this agreement or reduces the amount of space applied for after February 24, 2006, the total cost of reserved space will be retained by GSA.

This contract solely confers a license by GSA on behalf of the 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference to Exhibitor to use a space or spaces to be assigned for exhibition purposes in the exhibit area of the conference. It shall not be construed in any way as an approval, endorsement or recommendation of the content of any exhibit or the products or services displayed in an exhibit, nor to create any agency relationship between GSA and Exhibitor, nor entitle Exhibitor to any use of the name “The Genetics Society of America” or the initials “GSA” except that reference may be made to the meeting as “The 47th Annual Drosophila Research Conference” (with place and dates) on the Exhibitor’s advertising. GSA’s sole responsibility and obligation under this contract is to permit Exhibitor to use the assigned exhibit space. The exhibit and its installation shall be solely the responsibility of the Exhibitor. Exhibitor warrants that it shall, at its own cost and expense, obtain all necessary licenses, permits and insurance required for its installation and maintenance of its exhibit and any of its employees or agents associated with its exhibit and that it shall pay all taxes and fees incident thereto.

Security for Exhibitor Materials, Employees, Property: The Exhibit Hall of the Hilton Americas - Houston will be open to meeting registrants on a 24-hour basis beginning at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, March 29, until 10:00 AM on Sunday, April 2. GSA will have a security guard posted at the entrance to the hall for the sole purpose of assuring the safety of meeting registrants, not to watch equipment, displays or materials of exhibitors. The guard is not intended to secure the property of exhibitors, employees of exhibitors or others. Exhibitors are solely responsible for the security and safety of their equipment and materials. Exhibitors should consider hiring security to guard their exhibit and materials during times when Exhibitor’s personnel are not staffing the exhibit. The GSA and its employees, the Hilton Americas - Houston, the Drosophila Board of Directors, Brede National Exposition Services and the contracted security company shall not assume liability for any losses of any materials nor items taken from the exhibit hall nor from the Hilton Americas - Houston. Exhibitors are expected to take all appropriate measures to safeguard their displays and equipment.

In consideration of the grant of the license, Exhibitor agrees that it shall be liable for any loss or damage to its exhibit or any of its property or the property of its employees or agents and for any loss or damage which may be caused to others as a consequence of its exhibit or acts or failure to act by its employees or agents and further agrees to protect, indemnify and hold harmless GSA, the Hilton Americas - Houston, Brede National Exposition Services, GSA Exhibit Management and their respective officers, employees and agents from all claims, losses, damages, or any other costs (including, but not limited to, governmental charges or fines and reasonable attorneys fees and litigation costs) arising out of Exhibitor’s use of exhibit space, as well as any additional costs incurred as a consequence of any material or equipment remaining, left or abandoned by Exhibitor after the time for removal of such material or equipment. Exhibitor acknowledges that GSA does not maintain any insurance covering Exhibitor’s property or its use, or covering Exhibitor’s employees or agents.

Exhibitor agrees to comply with the terms of this Agreement and with the Rules and Regulations for exhibiting that are incorporated herein by reference and further agrees that GSA may terminate Exhibitor’s license to use exhibit space, without refund, if Exhibitor, after notice, shall fail to immediately cure any violation of the Rules and Regulations.