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Keygene N.V. strengthens its Bioinformatics team with the appointment of Anne Deslattes Mays

KeyGene is happy to announce and inform you that it has strengthened its bioinformatics team by the appointment of Anne Deslattes Mays as a Senior Bioinformatics Scientist and group leader.

Anne Deslattes Mays will lead the Bioinformatics group at Keygene Inc, Maryland, USA. She will develop tools and algorithms for KeyGene's Trait platforms and analysis pipelines, while working closely with KeyGene's biologists, programmers and researchers. Her extended research network and long term relationships in the bioinformatics field will strengthen KeyGene's Lead Discovery platform, providing a basis for future integrated research activities and collaborations.

Anne Deslattes Mays appointment signifies an important step in KeyGene's research focus on trait discovery. It allows KeyGene to further develop cutting edge tools and be a leading provider of Key Alleles to our current and future partners.

Prior to joining Keygene, Anne Deslattes Mays worked with Georgetown University on Systems Biology Data Analysis problems, using many omics data, including microRNA and Metabolomic Data. In 1998 she was brought on board to start the Software Systems group at Celera Genomics. From 1998 to 2007, she worked as Director and VP of the Software Systems group at Celera Genomics and together with her team she built all the required software systems and pipelines to sequence multiple genomes (*Drosophila* in preparation for *Homo Sapiens*, but also *Mus Musculus*, *Pan troglodytes* and *Rattus norvegicus*). Anne Deslattes' appointment is effective immediately.

In the past year, KeyGene started a new field crop consortium within the KeyGene InnovatorsClub and signed multiple agreements with seed companies and research institutes. In January, KeyGene announced Whole Genome Profiling, a new method that allows fast and efficient genome assembly and sequencing. Using Whole Genome Profiling, KeyGene already sequenced melon and several other larger plant genomes. In order to support its R&D programs and these new initiatives, KeyGene decided to strengthen its Bioinformatics team.

"As part of KeyGene's 2014 strategy "It's a Green Gene Revolution", we will expand our US activities" says An Michiels, CEO of Keygene Inc. "Anne Deslattes Mays has extensive experience in Computational Genomics, Whole Genome Sequencing and Lead Discovery. I believe her insights will serve KeyGene well and bring another valuable perspective to our Green Gene Revolution approach to explore and exploit broad genetic variation in crops and keep our position as a leading and worldwide acting plant DNA & genetics research company. Besides developing our Bioinformatics group at Keygene Inc. we will continue to explore research and business opportunities in the US and Canada."

About KeyGene

Keygene N.V. (www.keygene.com) is a R&D company with the mission to be the leading company in developing and applying DNA expertise in the field of molecular genetics with a focus on crop plants.

In recent years KeyGene invested in next generation sequencing platforms to support its leading position in the field of plant molecular breeding and developed new enabling technologies. KeyGene exploits its proprietary technologies, databases and know-how through strategic alliances, contract research and products for applications in the plant breeding industry. KeyGene has a subsidiary in Rockville Maryland, USA and a Joint Lab at the Shanghai Institute of Biological Sciences in Shanghai, China. In total KeyGene employs 130 researchers and staff.

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