

Preface

This meeting on Mechanisms of Recombination in Yeast at the Banbury Center of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory brought together some 30 experts in various aspects of recombination and gene conversion. They included classical geneticists, molecular geneticists, molecular biologists, and biochemists with interests ranging from the enzymology of site-specific recombinases to the genetic consequences of general recombination. Their discussions addressed both meiotic and mitotic events. As a result, the meeting was a terrific experience. The talks were all excellent and merited the close attention and critical thinking that this group was able to provide. The informal environment and the intimate size of the meeting encouraged spirited discussion. And, of course, the spirits after dinner encouraged informal discussions.

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