

Faculty & Friends



Open House brings new friends

You didn't need to have a Ph.D. to enjoy the Open House held at CSHL on March 23. Of course, that was the whole idea: a day for the local community to gather at the Laboratory and learn from its faculty, postdoctoral fellows, students, and staff what actually happens at the cutting edge of biological research. In addition to representatives of CSHL's research and educational programs,

members of administrative departments like Technology Transfer as well as CSHL Association directors were on hand to share information with 500+ visitors. Interactive demonstrations, posters, and videos made for an informal fair-like atmosphere. Highlights included campus tours and 5-minute science sound byte talks presented by postdocs and Ph.D. candidates at the Watson School — see images and videos on the iPad app!

WSBS confers honorary degrees

In celebration of the 10th graduating class of the Watson School of Biological Sciences (WSBS), honorary degrees were presented to Jack E. Dixon, Ph.D., and Brigid L.M. Hogan, Ph.D., FR.S.

Dr. Dixon is Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Distinguished Professor at the University of California, San Diego. He earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Santa Barbara. A member of the Institute of Medicine and National Academy of Sciences, Dixon has had a distinguished scientific career focused on protein tyrosine phosphatases that govern a key biochemical reaction called phosphorylation, and which play a central role in signaling between cells.



Dr. Hogan is Professor and Chair of the Department of Cell Biology at Duke University. She earned her Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of Cambridge. A developmental biologist, she is noted for her contributions to stem cell research and transgenic technology and techniques. Dr. Hogan's work on transgenic mice led her to teach the Molecular Embryology of the Mouse course at CSHL and edit the first two editions of *Manipulating the Mouse Embryo: A Laboratory Manual*, considered the "bible" of mammalian embryo manipulation techniques.