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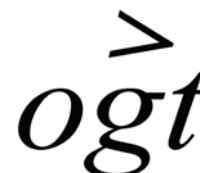
Oxford Gene Technology grants microarray licence to the Norwegian Microarray Consortium

Oxford, August 30, 2005. Oxford Gene Technology (OGT), a pioneer in the development of molecular tools for biologists, recently granted a microarray licence to the Norwegian Microarray Consortium (NMC).

The NMC provides spotted DNA microarray technology and related services to the scientific community in Norway. This licence allows the NMC to extend its microarray sales into European territories covered by the OGT Southern array patents.

Dr Mike Evans, Chief Executive of OGT, said: " We are happy to support the NMC by granting this licence and thus further the use of microarray technology".

Professor Ola Myklebost, Head of the NMC and the FUGE National Microarray Platform, said: "The agreement with OGT means that the National Microarray Platform can now offer all of its array products, including those for academic use, to customers in the UK, France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Luxembourg and The Netherlands".



About OGT

Oxford Gene Technology (OGT) is a privately owned company founded in 1995 by Professor Sir Edwin Southern. The mission of the company is to develop advanced molecular tools for biologists and to make them widely available through licensing and service activities. The key business areas of OGT include

- licensing which has successfully provided access for a number of companies to OGT's fundamental intellectual property, particularly in the area of microarrays
- a services business which provides a flexible and cost-effective, customised DNA microarray service covering a range of applications and offers specialist support to assist customers with every aspect of their research.
- Tridend, which is developing 'mass tags' to enhance the amount of information that researchers can generate from mass spectrometry experiments in proteomics and genomics
- Oxamer, which is generating novel array formats based on electrochemical deposition methods for use in life science and diagnostics

OGT's intellectual property covers four general areas that are relevant to the biological sciences; these incorporate microarrays, genomics, proteomics and electrochemistry.

About NMC

The Norwegian Microarray Consortium (NMC) is a collaborative effort between the Norwegian University of Science and Technology ([NTNU](#)) in Trondheim, the University of Bergen ([UiB](#)), and the Norwegian Radium Hospital ([Dnr HF](#))/University of Oslo ([UiO](#)) to provide spotted DNA microarray technology in Norway and related services for the Norwegian scientific community at non-profit prices.

The NMC was founded in 1999 after receiving a generous grant from the [Norwegian Cancer Society](#), and now runs the National Microarray Platform under the [FUGE](#) program. Please see the NMC web site at <http://microarray.no> for more information.

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