

A New Scientific Community

A weeklong celebration of HHMI's Janelia Farm Research Campus began with a gala dinner and concluded with tours for the public.



Gala Nearly 300 scientific, civic, and business leaders converged to formally open the Janelia Farm campus. **OCTOBER 3** Clockwise from the upper right: Janelia Farm scientists Sean Eddy and Elena Rivas stride along the second floor glass corridor; behind them are Winfred Denk (left) of Germany's Max Planck Institute for Medical Research and Bruce Stillman, president and CEO of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and a member of HHMI's Medical Advisory Board. Hanna H. Gray, chairman of the HHMI Trustees, speaks with Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, whose remarks capped the evening. Gerald M. Rubin, director of Janelia Farm, applauds the team that made the campus operational. Architect Rafael Viñoly takes in the view from the signature glass-enclosed staircase. Trustee James A. Baker III (left) and HHMI President Thomas R. Cech chat before dinner.

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Symposium

OCTOBER 4

The opening symposium focused on major challenges and opportunities in neuroscience. Speakers included Janelia Farm scientist Karel Svoboda and HHMI investigators Cornelia Bargmann of The Rockefeller University and Richard Axel of Columbia University. Nobel laureates gathered for the occasion included (from left) HHMI investigator Roderick MacKinnon of The Rockefeller University; Richard Axel; Janelia Farm senior fellow Sydney Brenner; HHMI Trustees Sir Paul Nurse, also president of The Rockefeller University, and Joseph Goldstein of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center; Thomas R. Cech, and HHMI investigators Linda Buck of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Eric Kandel of Columbia University.



Reception

OCTOBER 5

Loudoun County's role took center stage on Thursday. Gathered are, from left to right, Cheryl Moore, Janelia Farm's chief operating officer; director Gerry Rubin and his wife, Lynn; Lori Waters, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, and Scott York, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

Staff Open House

OCTOBER 6

An open house and lunch brought together personnel from HHMI's headquarters in Chevy Chase, MD, with their counterparts at Janelia Farm.



Public Open House

OCTOBER 7

More than 3,000 people braved wet, blustery weather for a day of talks and tours. From left, visitors enter a welcome center where HHMI employees and volunteers, including librarian Megumi Lincoln, provide an orientation and refreshments. Director Gerald M. Rubin talks to a packed auditorium. Nearly two dozen students from the Loudoun County Academy of Science volunteered; here, Carlo Del Mundo, in the blue T-shirt, offers information about research at Janelia Farm.