



## NATIONAL COALITION FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Media Advisory

### GENOMICS? BIOINFORMATICS? TRANSLATION PLEASE!

*Realizing the Promises of Genomics*

Washington, DC – July 10, 2006 – Bioinformatics, the application of statistical analytic methods to realize the promises of genomics and other ‘omics’ technologies, will be the focus of a National C-FAR ‘Lunch~N~Learn’ Hill Seminar by Dr. William Beavis on July 10 from 12:30-1:30 PM in Room SC-4 of the Capitol.

“We are working to develop translational tools to ensure that we can interpret the masses of biological data and provide information to practitioners in a form that they can use to realize the promises these new technologies offer,” observed Beavis. “Emerging benefits include improved health, enhanced agricultural products and safer environments.”

Dr. Beavis is the Chief Scientific Officer at the National Center for Genome Resources in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He is developing novel methods to provide ‘omics’ information to applied researchers, including clinicians and plant breeders in useful formats.

“We are honored to have Dr. Beavis featured in today’s ‘Lunch~N~Learn’ Hill Seminar,” said Joe Layton, President of National C-FAR. “This is an excellent example of how federal investments in food and agricultural research can provide public benefits.”

The seminar is open to the media. Questions related to Dr. Beavis’ presentation should be directed to him at [wdb@ncgr.org](mailto:wdb@ncgr.org) or (505) 982-7840.

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