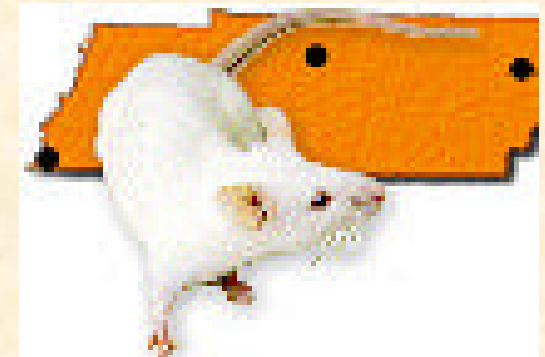


# 3rd Annual Tennessee Mouse Genome Consortium Retreat

Mouse Genetics and Functional Genomics Program

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- The 3rd Annual Retreat of the Tennessee Mouse Genome Consortium (TMGC) was held in Murfreesboro, TN, January 16–18, and included a workshop on Topics in Aging. The ORNL component of the TMGC's \$12.7M, 5-year grant from the National Institute of Mental Health includes a unique cohort of mice aged to 28 months of age for screening for late-onset disorders of behavior and the central nervous system and for longevity.
- With an eye toward increasing funding for ORNL's aging colony, the TMGC workshop included invited platform presentations by noted aging researchers Richard Miller from Ann Arbor, MI ("Genetics and Biomarker Analysis of Aging in Mice"), Jim Nelson from San Antonio, TX ("Screening for Longevity Mutants: Body Size, Stress Resistance, and Hormones"), and Tom Johnson from Boulder, CO ("Lessons from the Worm, for the Mouse") and also by National Institute on Aging program director Rebecca Fuldner ("Programmatic Interests of the NIA").



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- A roundtable discussion following the presentations resulted in the cementing of collaborative relationships with the institutions represented by all invited speakers, and plans for joint funding requests to maximize the use of ORNL's unique aging colony.