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## **Spokane Leadership Visits the Translational Genomics Research Institute in Phoenix, AZ**

The Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) is a newly formed research institute located in Phoenix, AZ. What is remarkable about this institute is that it was formed in 2002 and now employs over 200 scientists, technicians and administrators in a world class facility.

The visiting delegation learned about this highly collaborative effort from Dr. Jeffrey Trent, the President and Scientific Director of the institute and Mary Ann Guerra, the Senior Vice President of Operations and other key members of the TGen staff. Dr. Trent was Scientific Director of the National Genome Research Institute at the National Institutes of Health and Mary Anne was Deputy Director of Management at the National Cancer Institute prior to their joining TGen.

### **The delegation included:**

- Washington State Senator Lisa Brown
- Washington State Representative Tim Ormsby
- Spokane County Commissioner Todd Mielke
- Father Robert Spitzer, President of Gonzaga University
- Chris Marr, Chairman of Empire Health Services, WSU Regent
- Brian Pitcher, Chancellor, WSU Spokane
- Jim Peterson, Vice Provost for Research, WSU
- Scott Morris, President Avista Utilities, GU Board of Trustees
- Tom Paine, Vice President, Government Affairs, Avista
- Ginger Cohen, Chief Nursing Officer, Empire Health Services
- David Bonga, President of the Camas Institute
- John Stone, Principal, SRM Development, GU Board of Trustees
- Lewis Rumpler, CEO, INTEC

TGen was supported by the state of Arizona, the city of Phoenix, the Salt River-Pima Maricopa Indian Tribe, Maricopa County, The Flinn Foundation and private donations. All told over \$150,000,000 dollars has been raised supporting the effort.

A key highlight of the visit included comments by Gerry McDougal, Practice Manger for Health Sciences at PricewaterhouseCoopers addressing the complex funding, regional politics and university affiliation agreements that were critical to the success of the development of TGen.



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## Discussions with PricewaterhouseCoopers

PricewaterhouseCoopers has a globally recognized health care and health sciences practice. PWC played a critical role in the recently formed Translational Genomics Research Institute as was learned by the Phoenix fly-in team.

Discussions with PricewaterhouseCoopers had been on-going since an introductory meeting by phone (by the TGen staff) and a dinner meeting attended by Lewis Rumpler and Gerry McDougal in Washington, DC.

Gerry McDougal was encouraged to craft a proposal for engagement and Gerry and three members of his team visited Spokane recently to present their proposal and to tour the University District. Gerry also had a chance to meet with steering committee members Chris Marr, Jeff Nelson and Bruce Butler.

The PWC proposal will be deliberated at the October 12<sup>th</sup> steering committee meeting.

## Update on the Steering Committee

The steering committee including new additions is now comprised of:

Father Robert Spitzer, President, Gonzaga University, Steering Committee Co-Chair  
 Lane Rawlins, President, Washington State University  
 Brian Pitcher, Chancellor, Washington State University Spokane  
 Rich Umbdenstock, CEO, Providence Services  
 Skip Davis, CEO, Sacred Heart Hospital  
 Jeff Nelson, CEO, Empire Health Services  
 Bruce Butler, VP of Corporate Development, Empire Health Services  
 Scott Morris, President, Avista Utilities, GU Trustee  
 Len Peters, Lab Director, Pacific Northwest National Lab  
 Lee Hood, President, Institute of Systems Biology  
 David Galas, VP and Chief Scientific Officer for Systems Biology, Battelle  
 Fred Brown, CEO, Next IT  
 John Luger, Retired Entrepreneur, GU Trustee  
 John Stone, Principal, SRM Development, GU Trustee, Steering Committee Co-Chair

*The next steering committee will be meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Gonzaga University.*

## Biotechnology Summit

Governor Christine Gregoire held a summit recently to announce her remaining appointments to the board of trustees of the Life Science Discovery Fund and to engage regional leadership in a discussion about the future direction of life sciences investments in the state of Washington. Dr. Lee Hood and Dr. Ed Lazowska contributed to the discussion.

John Stone and Lewis Rumpler attended a fundraiser for the Governor and again had an opportunity to present the Institute concept. The Governor pledged to continue to follow the development of the Institute and arrangements are underway to meet with her again soon in Spokane.

*"I was particularly impressed by Spokane's level of community engagement in its biotechnology initiatives," said Dr. Jeffrey Trent, TGen's President and Scientific Director.*

*"Based on my experience here in Phoenix and elsewhere, community support and commitment are crucial and necessary first steps in successful launching of such an endeavor."*



## AIRI Meeting

The Association of Independent Research Institutes (AIRI) meeting is the annual meeting of the over 90 private scientific institutes in the United States. Presentations by various leaders from the National Institute of Health including Dr. Zerhouni, the Institute's Director and Dr. Ruiz Bravo, Director for Extramural Research provided great insight into the federal funding for biomedical research moving forward.

Lewis Rumpler met with members of the Washington Delegation including meetings with Congresswoman McMorris and staffers for Senators Murray and Cantwell.



## Friends of the Institute

### Business Community

John Stone, Principal, SRM Development, GU Trustee  
Lee Hood, President, Institute of Systems Biology  
Scott Morris, President, Avista Utilities  
Roger Woodworth, VP, Avista Corp.  
Kim Pearman-Gillman, Vice President, Itron  
Jack Faris, President, WBBA  
Chris Marr, President Foothills Automotive  
Dave Curry, CEO of World Wide Packets  
Tony Bonanzino, CEO of Hollister-Steir  
Tom Turner, CEO of General Dynamics (Itronix)  
Fred Brown, CEO of NextIT  
John Luger, Retired entrepreneur  
Don Lightfoot, Founder of GenPrime, EWU Professor  
Tom Tiffany, CEO of Pathology Associates  
Rich Umbdenstock, CEO of Provident Services  
Skip Davis, CEO of Sacred Heart  
Jeff Nelson, CEO of Empire Health Services  
Bruce Butler, CFO of Empire Health Services  
Lisa Shaffer, Co-Founder Signature Genomics  
Bassem Bejjani, Co-Founder Signature Genomics  
Bob Hamacher, Founder of BHW1  
Peter Allison, CEO of Biogenesis Corp  
Steve McGrew, President of New Light Industries  
Dan Roarke, CEO of Matrical  
Mick McDowell, Principle of McDowell Development  
Dr. Jack Ossello, Dentist, Investor  
Jack McCann, President, Jack McCann Company Inc, GU Trustee

### Economic Development Community

David Bonga, President of the Camas Institute  
Rich Hadley, CEO, Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce  
John Eliassen, CEO, Spokane Area Economic Development

### Academic Leadership

Lane Rawlins, President, Washington State University  
Brian Pitcher, Chancellor, Washington State University Spokane  
Jim Peterson, Vice Provost for Research, Washington State University  
Dennis Dyck, Associate Vice Provost for Research, Washington State Univ.  
Mike Skinner, Director, Center for Reproductive Biology, WSU  
John Nilson, Director, School of Molecular Biosciences, WSU  
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Keith Jones, Director, Office of Intellectual Property Administration, WSURF  
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Terry Hassold, Professor of Molecular Biosciences, WSU  
Father Robert Spitzer, President, Gonzaga University  
Stephen Freedman, Academic Vice President, Gonzaga University  
Gary Webber, Associate Academic Vice President, Gonzaga University  
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### Political Leadership Contacted

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris  
Mayor Jim West  
Representative Frank Chopp  
Representative Tim Ormsby  
Representative Fred Jarrett  
Senator Larry Craig  
Senator Lisa Brown  
Senator Maria Cantwell



Coming Up:

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