

## BioResources Project

This project aims to improve access to mouse strains by researchers throughout Australia.

Four Bio21 members: St. Vincent's Health, St. Vincent's Institute, Austin Biomedical Alliance and the University of Melbourne (Department of Medicine, Royal Melbourne Hospital) have formed a consortium which is in the process of:

- Creating a database of all mouse strains held by the consortium. This will be:
  - Web-based
  - Accessible to all researchers
  - Contain information about all mouse strains held, their health status and availability
- It has developed and maintains a common health standard for the three campus mouse facilities. This involves:
  - An agreed high health status, maintained by agreed work practices and testing
  - Microisolator housing of all mice within the three facilities
  - Cage, rack and bottle washing and waste disposal facilities to maintain hygiene
  - Click [here](#) to view the Murine Health Policy.
- An on-going BioResources Oversight Committee, oversees the operation of the facilities and set and maintain agreed standards, operating procedures and work practices and the database.

The University of Melbourne and St. Vincent's facilities are operational. The Austin facility will be established in temporary housing awaiting the building of a purpose-built facility due for completion in 2008.