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C.M. Lively & S. Howard

Selection by parasites for clonal diversity and mixed mating

S.A. Frank

Recognition and polymorphism in host–parasite genetics

S.E. Kelly

Viral pathogens and the advantage of sex in the perennial grass *Anthoxanthum odoratum*

P.W. Ewald

Evolution of mutation rate and virulence among human retroviruses

C. Wedekind

Mate choice and maternal selection for specific parasite resistances before, during and after fertilization

P. Schmid-Hempel

Infection and colony variability in social insects

L. Gustafsson, D. Nordling, M.S. Andersson, B.C. Sheldon & A. Qvarnström

Infectious diseases, reproductive effort and the cost of reproduction in birds

A.L. Hughes, M.K. Hughes, C.Y. Howell & M. Nei

Natural selection at the class II major histocompatibility complex loci of mammals

A.V.S. Hill, S.N.R. Yates, C.E.M. Allsopp, S. Gupta, S.C. Gilbert, A. Lalvani, M. Aidoo, M. Davenport & M. Plebanski

Human leukocyte antigens and natural selection by malaria

J. Klein & C. O'Huigin

MHC polymorphism, parasites and speciation

W.K. Potts, C.J. Manning & E.K. Wakeland

The role of infectious disease, inbreeding and mating preferences in maintaining MHC genetic diversity: an experimental test

I.R. Crute

Gene-for-gene recognition in plant–pathogen interactions

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S. Durrer & P. Schmid-Hempel

Shared use of flowers leads to horizontal pathogen transmission

M. Hovi, R.V. Alatalo, J. Höglund, A. Lundberg & P.T. Rintamäki

Lek centre attracts black grouse females

A.R. Martin

Amplification of neuromuscular transmission by post-junctional folds

N.S. Millar, S.D. Buckingham & D.B. Sattelle

Stable expression of a functional homo-oligomeric *Drosophila* GABA receptor in a *Drosophila* cell line

G. Mather & L. Murdoch

Gender discrimination in biological motion displays based on dynamic cues

D.A. Westcott

Leks of leks: a role for hotspots in lek evolution?

B. Rinkevich, I.L. Weissman & M. Shapira

Alloimmune hierarchies and stress-induced reversals in the resorption of chimeric protochordate colonies

D.A. Rand, M. Keeling & H.B. Wilson

Invasion, stability and evolution to criticality in spatially extended artificial host–pathogen ecologies

D. Charlesworth, E.E. Lyons & L.B. Litchfield

Inbreeding depression in two highly inbreeding populations of *Leavenworthia*

A.S. Kondrashov & D. Houle

Genotype–environment interactions and the estimation of the genomic mutation rate in *Drosophila melanogaster*

R.O. Arellano & R. Miledi

Osmo-dependent Cl⁻ currents activated by cyclic AMP in follicle-enclosed *Xenopus* oocytes

S. Despeyroux, T. Amedee & J.A. Coles

Axon contact is associated with modified expression of functional potassium channels in mouse Schwann cells

M.J.G. Gage

Associations between body size, mating pattern, testis size and sperm lengths across butterflies

G.L. Chan & A.F.G. Bourke

Split sex ratios in a multiple-queen ant population

J.P. Swaddle & I.C. Cuthill

Female zebra finches prefer males with symmetric chest plumage

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