# CAZypedia

carbohydrate-active e n z y m e s

#### An introduction

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#### :About

- \* CAZypedia is an online, community-driven effort to assemble a comprehensive encyclopedia of the enzymes and binding proteins involved in the synthesis and degradation of complex carbohydrates.
  - An evolving encyclopedia of carbohydrate-active enzymes
  - CAZypedia is inspired by, and closely connected with, the actively curated CAZy Database.



### :Inspiration

- \* CAZypedia is dedicated to the late Prof. Bruce Stone
  - whose enthusiasm to create a comprehensive encyclopedia of carbohydrate-active enzymes was essential in the genesis of this project.





July 2006 23<sup>rd</sup> ICS, Whistler



April 2007 CBM7, Braunschweig

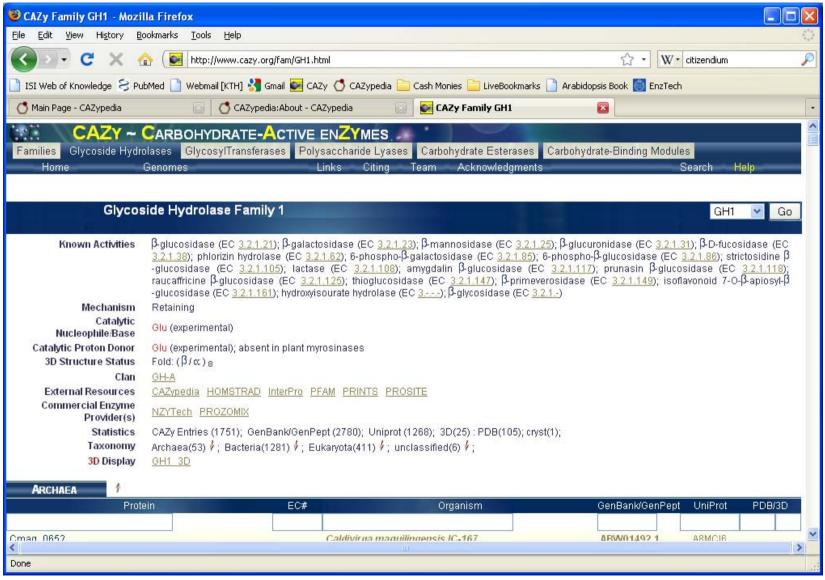
...GH1: Online since 17 May 2007

# :Challenge

- Producing a (comprehensive) encyclopedia of CAZymes is a huge task!
  - An active community → incredibly dynamic knowledge base
  - e.g., 115 GH familes and counting...
  - Continuous generation of family-level information
    - \* Sequences
    - Functional properties
    - \* Mechanisms
    - \* Structures
    - \* ...
- Print = static, WWW = dynamic
  - Wiki wiki !
  - CAZypedia runs on MediaWiki, the same software as Wikipedia
  - Allows continuous updating, editing, tweaking...



# :Extension of the CAZy DB





# :CAZypedia (is not Wikipedia)

- \* CAZypedia will strive to be a dynamic, community-based effort, while at the same time balancing a high level of curation and editorial input to produce quality content.
  - Publicly viewable, **not publicly editable**.(*cf. Citizendium*)
  - All contributors to CAZypedia are selected experts in the field.
  - Contributors' real names and biographies are visible in CAZypedia.
  - Page content is produced by designated **Authors**, overseen and edited by **Responsible Curators**





#### :Pre-launch

- \* GH1: Online since 17 May 2007
- Linked from CAZy DB family headers ("External Resources")
- \* NAR, October 2008:
  - "The CAZy database is available at www.cazy.org. Information about selected families is available through the website and at www.cazypedia.org."

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# The Carbohydrate-Active EnZymes database (CAZy): an expert resource for Glycogenomics

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#### :Current Status

#### \* June 2009:

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- \* Decision to "go-live"
- Responsible Curators invited, 73 GH families:
  - \* GH 1-20, 22, 23, 25-33, 36-39, 42, 43, 45-49, 51, 53-55, 57, 58, 62, 67, 72, 78, 82, 84, 85, 88, 89, 92-94, 97. 98. 101-105, 109, 110, 112, 113

#### \* Today:

- Responsible Curators accepted for 48 families
- Ca. 18 pages essentially complete
- 10 lexicon pages