



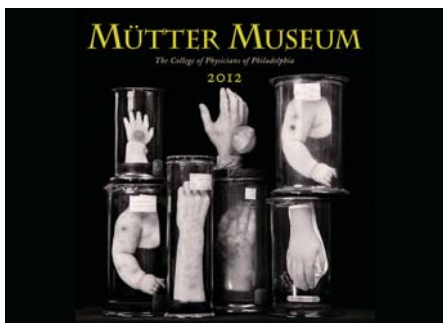
Paulien Hogeweg and Ben Hesper coined the term 'bioinformatics' in the 1970s. In our interview, she recalls a time when computers were still hidden behind big walls (p. 26).



In agriculture, aphids and plant lice are among the most feared creatures. But thanks to research from François Verheggen and co. in Belgium, farmers can now start to relax (p. 34).



Various bioinformatics databases may help to find information about a particular micro-RNA. Antonio Marco gives an overview of useful miRNA databases (p. 46).



The legendary Mütter Museum Calendar (see above) is just one of the amazing and often extraordinary scientific calendars for 2012 that are reviewed in this issue (p. 56/57).

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