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Collection Overview

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Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of the records of Ramunas Kondratas, Curator, which document his participation in planning, development and production activities for "The Search for Life: Genetic Technology in the Twentieth Century" exhibition, with earlier records dating to when Kondratas was in the Division of Medical Sciences at the National Museum of American History (NMAH). Also represented in these records are curators Terry Sharrer and Arthur P. Molella, as well as project manager Harold A. Closter. The exhibition chronicled the history of molecular biology and its application and impact on modern-day agriculture and medicine. When the exhibition closed at NMAH in March 1988, it became the inaugural exhibition for the DNA Learning Center at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, and notes; proposals; a budget summary; a floor plan; scripts; press releases; exhibition reviews; meeting reports; a brochure; visitor comments; photographs; loan information; and a project schedule.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Genetics -- History
- Medical museums
- Museum curators
- Museum exhibits

Museum loans
Museums -- Collection management

Types of Materials:

Brochures
Color photographs
Floor plans
Manuscripts

Names:

Closter, Harold A.
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory
Kondratas, Ramunas
Molella, Arthur P., 1944-
National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Medical Sciences
Search for Life: Genetic Technology in the Twentieth Century (Exhibition) (1987-1988: Washington, D.C.)
Sharrer, G. Terry

Container Listing

Box 1

	The Search for Life: Genetic Technology in the Twentieth Century
Box 1 of 1	Proposals, circa 1986-1988
Box 1 of 1	Press Releases, 1987-1988
Box 1 of 1	Brochure, 1987
Box 1 of 1	Correspondence, 1985-1988, 1992
Box 1 of 1	Budget Summary, 1980, 1986
Box 1 of 1	Floor Plan, 1987
Box 1 of 1	DNA Learning Center, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (New York), 1986-2002
Box 1 of 1	Visitor Comments, 1987
Box 1 of 1	Meetings, 1985-1988
Box 1 of 1	Project Management Schedule, 1986-1987
Box 1 of 1	Chronology of Genetic Research
Box 1 of 1	Scripts, 1982-1987 (8 folders)
Box 1 of 1	Labels and Captions, 1987
Box 1 of 1	Credits List
Box 1 of 1	Exhibition Reviews, 1987-1989