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There is always a Legend among us

Australian Fly Meeting, 15-17th Sept 2016

Pathtech invented the world's first "Fly Vial racking" championship, to acknowledge our fly researchers at the Fly meeting two years ago. Three meetings later, this championship has become ingrained as part of the annual event that everyone looks forward to.

Getting to know our researchers

Pathtech is grateful to be part of this. From our lunch time chats with some of the researchers, we noticed the importance of promoting genetic studies using the fly model. Basic mechanism research still has a place that will have a positive impact on downstream applications. The fly community is growing and an annual meeting like this is just the beginning of something big.

The Game begins

This year, we noticed some familiar faces. Many were new and as expected most were hesitant at the start to participate. After a number of brave participants, the floodgate is opened and we had a constant stream of rackers trying their luck. Looming in the background, we felt this unexplained aura throughout the day. We knew that the racking world record of 43.62 sec will be beaten today. The question is, by who?

This is just a reminder that the flug (Cat# FS49-102) does need to be this size in order to create a tight fit around the narrow vial and prevent mite contamination. As many of our competitors discovered on the day, it's all about the "Squeeze and Twist" technique to get the flug easily into the vial.

What is at stake?

Anyone who participated in the past knows what it means to be crowned the "Fastest Racker in the West". The fame and glory of owning possibly the most important trophy of their career (as one participant joked), "The Golden Trophy", beaming down from the mantel. Also equally important, the pride of the Racker's lab clan is on the line as the lab of the winner receiving a huge poster to be hung on the wall for others to behold in awe.

With the additional team prize this year, we increased the stakes encouraging team play for the best average time. Now, Lab pride is also on the line.



The Legend solidified his claim

The constant flow of rackers came and went and before long we attained sub 50 sec times. As we entered this time zone, the high talents with super coordinated abilities were starting to come out of the woodwork. Then, shockingly, the first sub 40 sec time was achieved and a new world record was created right here in a quiet country town.

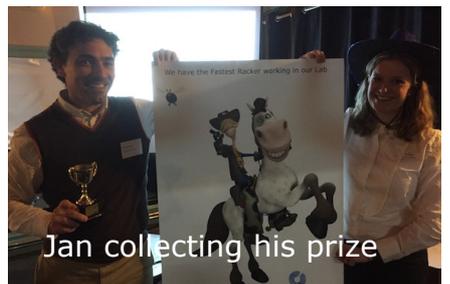
However, this record was short lived. Enter the defending champion, Jan Manent (Richardson Group, La Trobe University). We could feel something awesome was going to happen as he warmed up his fingers and collected his thoughts. The focus in his eyes would have literally cut through concrete if he stared at it long enough. The expectation was high but I knew it did not bother him one bit. The moment he picked up the first flug, we lost sight of his hands as they were moving too fast to be picked up by mere mortals like us. We did not even have a chance to blink, Jan clocked a new record of 37.73 sec. No one can explain this abnormality in human genetics other than all hail to a real "Flug-ing legend.

Equally important, the Warr lab (Monash University) proudly established the first to win the team prize (average time of 59.9 sec).

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank the organisers, Prof. Mike Murray and the fly committee who provided the opportunity for us to spend the day with the fly researchers. Our vials and flugs were graciously supplied by Genesee Scientific. Also please note that **Sarah Dower** is now the new Science Sales Manager and **Craig Don Paul** is the new Victoria Account Manager. As for me, I am now focusing on Pathtech's Forensic Division. See you next year!

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| Jan | 37.73 |
| SAM MANNING | 39.11 |
| Pentus | 45.01 |
| JOEP | 45.03 |
| Karryn M. | 46.68 |
| Lauren | 50.88 |
| Joseph Nguyen | 51.06 |
| Jade K. | 55.92 |
| Grace | 56.20 |
| Heidi | 0.59:00 |

Final
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