Dear ProNova Friends,

With this Newsletter we would like to give you some news from the ProNova Centre.

**PRONOVA ANNUAL CENTRE DAY**

On **September 17th, 2008**, the first ProNova Annual Centre Day was arranged at the AlbaNova University Centre, KTH. We were very happy to see that so many of the company partners could come to this meeting! Pictures from the event as well as the presentations given of the ongoing centre projects and the update of the Human Protein Atlas (Mathias Uhlén) are available on the ProNova website: [www.biotech.kth.se/pronova](http://www.biotech.kth.se/pronova). The presentations are found in the pass-word protected section to which only ProNova Centre parties have access. The password has earlier been e-mailed to your official ProNova contact person, but please let us know if you have not been reached by this information.

Directly after the Annual Centre Day, the ProNova Scientific Advisory Board had their first meeting to discuss the progress and future directions of the ProNova research. The ProNova management has received their report, and in summary, the Scientific Advisory Board was very positive to the ProNova Centre, but it also made suggestions on what could be improved in the Centre projects, which will help us in our future planning of the Centre activities.

**EVALUATION OF THE PRONOVA CENTRE BY VINNOVA**

On **November 17th, 2008**, academic + industrial representatives from the Centre were interviewed by international generalists and scientific experts recruited by VINNOVA for evaluation of the ProNova Centre. We would like to express our gratitude to those of you who took part in the evaluation sessions! The evaluation panels will prepare a report that will be distributed to the Centre before Christmas, and we are looking forward to their advice and suggestions on how to improve the Centre in Phase II.

**PARTNER MEETING**

On **April 1st, 2009**, the ProNova Centre enters into Phase II, in which the financing from VINNOVA increases from 4.5 MSEK/year to a maximum of 7 MSEK/year. With the increased budget, it will be possible to start new projects in the Centre, or give additional resources to already started projects. For a discussion of the future strategy of the Centre, we plan to have a Partner Meeting on **February 17, 2009**. An invitation with more information will be sent out later, but please mark your calendars already today! (Please also note that the earlier announced Partner Meeting on November 26th, 2008, has been cancelled)

Looking forward to an exciting winter of Centre activities,

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