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Public Lecture Kicks off Newly Opened Hubbard Center for Genomic Studies at the University of New Hampshire

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Svante Paabo, director of the Max-Planck-Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, will give a keynote speech Thursday, Oct. 18, as part of the opening of the University of New Hampshire's new Hubbard Center for Genome Studies.

Paabo's talk, "Comparative Genomics as a Means to Understanding Human Origins," is free and open to the public. It will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Strafford Room of the Memorial Union Building.

Following his lecture, a shuttle service will be available for those interested in touring the new center, located in the nearby Environmental Technology Building. A reception follows the tours.

Part of the university's entrepreneurial campus, the Hubbard Center will be devoted to understanding the structure and function of genomes from across the spectrum of life.

In addition to being an invaluable resource in advancing the research of faculty in the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture, it also will provide an opportunity for students to learn genomic techniques using new technology. It also will encourage and support the development of New Hampshire's biotechnology industry.

The center represents a major investment by the university, including three endowed professorships and 7,500 square feet of new space in the Environmental Technology Building, according to Thomas Kocher,

professor of zoology.

"Its special focus on aquatic and marine organisms -- with a particular emphasis on fishes -- provides the center with a unique identity among other university-based genome centers," Kocher explains. "It will allow UNH to develop world-class programs in comparative and environmental genomics to improve our understanding of evolutionary processes, human disease and environmental health."

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