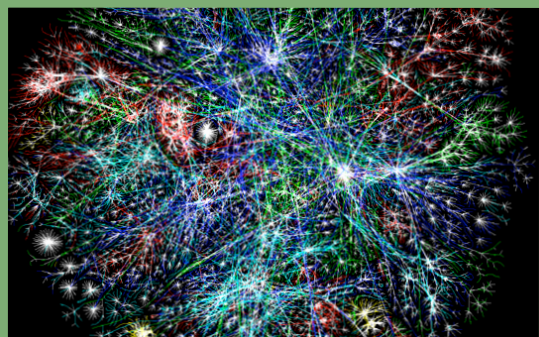


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Oxford Journals:

The latest virtual issue of Database was dedicated to **BioMart**, an open source data federation system, and its applications to different types of biological data. The year 2011 marks the 10 year anniversary of the BioMart project. Building on its achievements and supported by its community of users and developers, the BioMart project delivers data management solutions for scientific research. Please find the virtual issue at <http://goo.gl/ZZdp9>

**Biocuration 2012
Conference Key Deadlines:**
Abstract submission: December 09, 2011
Notice of acceptance: February 3, 2012
Early bird registration: February 25, 2012
Online registration: March 30, 2012

Job Opportunities

- The University of South Dakota seeks a Postdoctoral Fellow at the intersection of Vertebrate Morphology and Bioinformatics, phenoscape. Please see <https://phenoscape.org> and <http://kb.phenoscape.org/>. Contact Dr. Mabee (pmabee@usd.edu) with any questions about this position.
- A Whole Genome Shotgun Database Biologist is needed at NIH/NCBI - Bethesda, Maryland. More information can be found at <http://goo.gl/qN9Ki>



5th International Biocuration Conference

- To be held on April 2 - 4, 2012 in Washington, D.C. hosted by the Protein Information Resource (PIR).
<http://pir.georgetown.edu/biocuration2012.html>
- **Confirmed Plenary Speakers:**
Rich Roberts, Fritz Roth and Mark Yandell.



Meeting Reports

- Pascale Gaudet gave a talk entitled 'Biocuration, a cornerstone for research', describing biocuration work and the efforts of the ISB a plenary session at the Asia Pacific Bioinformatics Network's 10th InCoB - 1st ISCB Asia Joint Conference 2011 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Nov 30-Dec 2, 2011
- In continuing our efforts to bring the biocuration community closer to the publishers, Renate Kania presented the ISB to Thomas Lemberger and Bernd Pulverer, Chief Editors at Molecular Systems Biology and The EMBO Journal, respectively.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The ISB Executive Committee meets monthly. Minutes from the meetings are posted on the ISB website <http://tinyurl.com/isb-minutes>

ISB NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

Previous issues of this Newsletter can be found on the ISB website at <http://biocurator.org/newsletter.shtml>

Please email us at intsocbio@gmail.com with announcements you would like to share with other ISB members. Comments and suggestions are encouraged!



Kind regards,
The ISB Executive Committee.