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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

* The Fourth Workshop of Ontologies in Biomedicine and Life Sciences (OBML 2012), will be held on September 27-28, in Dresden, Germany. Registration deadline is September 20, 2012, and more information is available at <http://bit.ly/PoN6HS>

* The 2nd IEEE Symposium on Biological Data Visualization will take place on 14-15 October 2012 in Seattle, WA, USA. Read more at <http://www.biovis.net/>

* The 2nd Joint Workshop on Knowledge Evolution and Ontology Dynamics will be collocated with the 11th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2012), and will be held on November 11-12, 2012 in Boston, MA, USA. More details are available at <http://bit.ly/Q0CsEp>

* **Save the Date!** Plan to join us at Churchill College in Cambridge, UK. The 6th International Biocuration Conference will be held on April 7-10, 2013.



DATABASE's Impact Factor

DATABASE: The Journal of Biological Databases and Curation has received its first Impact Factor as 3.179! In recognition of this achievement, the editors created a collection of highly-cited articles that contributed to the current Impact Factor, and it may be found at http://oxfordjournals.org/our_journals/database/highly_cited_articles.html

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ISB COMMUNITY

DATABASE LINKING: a change in format at Elsevier to align with BioDBcore

Many journals encourage authors to connect their articles to external databases. By doing this, the authors' work is enriched with precise referencing and gives readers one-click access to relevant databases that help to build a better understanding of the described research. Databases will benefit from the extra traffic generated by those links.

Authors are encouraged to include unique identifiers or accession numbers linking to additional information on genes, proteins, diseases, structures or datasets deposited in public databases and repositories. The ISB and Biosharing have been instrumental in moving towards a uniform standard for such links through the launch of the BioDBcore initiative.

Elsevier has recently introduced a new uniform and standardized format that is now fully aligned with ISB and BioDBcore standards, and authors are encouraged to follow this format. Entities should be identified in the following way:

database abbreviation: *data identifier*, bearing in mind that an error in a letter or number can result in a dead link in the article. For a list of databases and examples currently in use visit http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/intro.cws_home/databaselinking

Databases wishing to establish better links between the literature and their database could support publishers by drawing more attention to the opportunities presented in html text, and participate in collaborations to mutually benefit from these improvements.

Examples:

- CCDC: Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre
CCDC: A1631510
- GeneBank: Genetic sequence database at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI)
GenBank: BA123456





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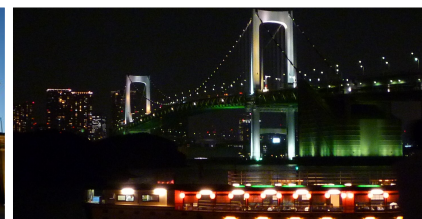
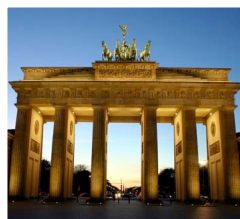
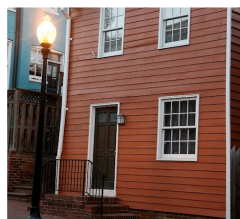
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2012 ELECTIONS OF THE ISB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- * The list of candidates to 2012/2013 Executive Committee of the ISB has been posted at http://biocurator.org/isb_candidates_2012.shtml
- * The Executive Committee is composed of nine (9) members, each with a 2-year term.
- * This year, eleven (11) candidates are running for four (4) open positions in the Executive Committee.

ABOUT THE ELECTORAL PROCESS:

- * Voting will take place online and over the course of one week starting Wednesday, September 19 through Wednesday, September 26. Details will be provided via email through the ISB distribution list.
- * We would like to kindly remind you that only paying members with registration fees that clear on or before September 18 will be entitled, and allowed to vote.



REQUEST FOR HOSTS FOR THE 7TH INTERNATIONAL BIOCURATION CONFERENCE (2014)

The Executive Board of the International Society for Biocuration would like to invite tenders to host the 7th International Biocuration Conference in Spring or Summer 2014. Proposals of intent for 2015 are also welcome.

Individuals and organizations can apply by sending a proposal to the ISB Executive Committee (intsocbio@gmail.com) by October 1st 2012 (an email indicating an early intention to bid would be helpful). The successful bidder will be notified by December 1st 2012. The ISB Executive Committee will publicly announce the selected individual/organization during the 6th International Biocuration Conference in April 2013.

Further information about the ISB and its previous conferences can be found at:

<http://www.biocurator.org/home.shtml>

- ✓ Proposals should be short:
 - * one side of A4 or US letter, 11 point
- ✓ The proposal should contain:
 - * The name and institution of the local organiser
 - * Details of the proposed venue for up to 350 participants
 - * The range of dates available for the conference
 - * A brief outline of a strategic plan to attract a broad range of the Biocuration community

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ October 1st : Proposals due
- ✓ December 1st: Notification of results
- ✓ April 2013: Location for Biocuration 2014 will be publicly announced





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BIOCURATION JOB OPENINGS

- * Postdoctoral position in the Genome Technology Branch (GTB) of the US National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI). Posted September 8, 2012. Details are available at <http://bit.ly/NYu38I>
- * Database and Semantic Web Developer, University of Colorado, Boulder, USA. Posted August 30, 2012. For more information visit <http://t.co/C7dvQX9g>
- * NGS Bioinformatician, Montpellier, France. Posted August 30, 2012. Details on this position are available at <http://bit.ly/QbQJRI>
- * Postdoctoral opportunity for Phenoscope at University of South Dakota, USA. Posted July 24, 2012. For more details, see <http://bit.ly/OZd5SM>
- * Bioinformatics Analyst - Fungal Genomics, US DOE Joint Genome Institute, Walnut Creek, CA. Posted July 8, 2012. For more details, please visit <http://bit.ly/My7CVI>
- * PhD position available in semantic web, biomedical ontologies, text mining, Montpellier, France. Posted July 8, 2012. Details are available at <http://bit.ly/O9kRrX>
- * Data Wranglers for Saccharomyces Genome Database, Stanford University. Posted May 17, 2012. Details are available at: <http://bit.ly/NcZhGR>
- * Web Engineers for Saccharomyces Genome Database, Stanford University. Posted May 17, 2012. Details are available at: <http://bit.ly/JQcVid>
- * Scientific Curator - Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor Maine, USA. Posted May 25, 2012. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/MmcEiw>
- * Scientific Programmer - Synthetic Biology and Scientific Data Management - IRIC, Montreal, Canada. Posted May 8, 2012. Details available at <http://bit.ly/LcaCny>

- * OMA Project Leader at the ETH Zurich and Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Zurich, Switzerland. Posted May 5, 2012. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/KgXV7W>
- * Scientific Database Curator/Annotator in ChEBI team, EBI, Hinxton, UK. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/HBoeGI>. Posted April 17, 2012
- * Postdoctoral Position in the LIFE (<http://lifekb.org/>) and BioAssay Ontology (BAO, <http://bioassayontology.org/>) Projects at the University of Miami Center for Computational Science, FL, USA (<http://bit.ly/Ky7upr>). Details on the position are available at <http://bit.ly/NirlbP>, and you can apply at <http://bit.ly/LaypCJ> (use keyword 043488). Posted April 18, 2012.
- * Scientific Database Curator/Annotator in ChEBI team, EBI, Hinxton, UK. Posted April 17, 2012. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/HBoeGI>.

ISB NEWSLETTER ARCHIVE

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The ISB Executive Committee meets monthly. Minutes from the meetings are posted on the ISB website http://www.biocurator.org/executive_committee_minutes.html

SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH MEMBERS OF ISBI

Prepare a news article written to biocurators as the audience. In 260 words or less spread the word about new tools in your site, or tools for distribution to the wider community. Broadcast announcements and advances from your team to all the members of ISB by sending an email to intsocbio@gmail.com. Submission deadline for the October Newsletter is Friday, September 28th at 7:00 PM EDT/GMT-4.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME!

Kind regards,
The ISB Executive Committee

