

# + International Society for Biocuration

## Newsletter

### September 2013



## + Election week is here: it's time to VOTE!

**If you have not already done so, inform yourself and vote!** The Executive Committee is composed of nine (9) members, each with a 2-year term. This year there are five (5) open positions. The list of candidates for the 2013 Elections of the ISB Executive Committee is available at [http://biocurator.org/isb\\_election.shtml](http://biocurator.org/isb_election.shtml)

The last day to vote is Wednesday, September 18th, 2013. Only paying members with registration fees cleared on or before September 17th will be entitled and allowed to vote.

We would like to kindly thank this year's volunteers of the nominating committee: Amos Bairoch (SIB Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Switzerland), Tomás Di Domenico (University of Padova, Italy), Robin Haw (Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, Canada), Suzanna Lewis (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, USA), and Betina Porcel (CEA, IG, Genoscope, France).



# ISB Regional Micro-Grants

## Apply Today!

ISB Micro-Grants are meant to sponsor local/regional short meetings of ISB members to synergize their work efforts, to generate a space to share their work, and to further help to advance the goals of the society.

Micro-Grants are awarded in the amount of (US) \$250 per group, and applications may be submitted at any time (i.e. no deadlines). If awarded, the group will write a 300-word report informing the ISB membership about the outcomes of the meeting. This report must be sent to

[intsocbio@gmail.com](mailto:intsocbio@gmail.com) no later than 30 days after the end of the meeting. The report will be also posted on the ISB Newsletter.

To apply, members fill out and sign a form and submit a description of the purpose of the meeting, its target audience and possible affiliations, and how the meeting will benefit the members of the ISB community. To request a form, please contact us at [intsocbio@gmail.com](mailto:intsocbio@gmail.com) with the subject line 'ISB Micro-Grants Application'.

# +News and Views from the ISB Community

## 'ISB Spotlight' in EMBnet.journal

"EMBnet.journal: Bioinformatics Without Borders" is an international, open access, on-line, peer-reviewed journal, established in 2010 as a successor to the EMBnet.news magazine (published by EMBnet since 1994). One of the Journal's primary goals is to provide life scientists with practical information to help:

- tackle routine data-analysis tasks (basic or advanced)
- implement complex IT architectural infrastructures
- address challenges of modern, data-driven life science research.



This month, the Journal publishes a new feature, ISB Spotlight, providing a snapshot of some of the work and activities of members of the Society. The Spotlight presents brief descriptions of a range of databases and biocuration tools, re-published in the Journal, with permission, from the News & Views section of this newsletter. The latest issue of the Journal, featuring the first ISB Spotlight, is freely available from <http://journal.embnet.org/index.php/embnetjournal/issue/archive>.

To find out more, and request information, please contact us at

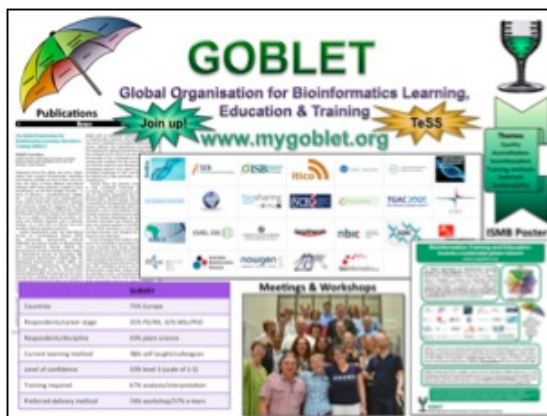
[http://www.embnet.org/contact\\_form](http://www.embnet.org/contact_form).

**Submitted by Terri Attwood  
on behalf of ISB and EMBnet**

## Global Organisation for Bioinformatics Learning, Education & Training: GOBLET

GOBLET was established in 2012, after leaders of several Bioinformatics, Biocuration, Biocomputing, and Computational Biology societies and networks met to discuss worldwide training initiatives at a workshop in Uppsala, hosted by EMBnet. The meeting concluded that an umbrella organisation to coordinate international training activities would be useful: to share, not duplicate, efforts and costs; to work together towards common solutions and a sustainable future.

The ISB was one of the 10 founders of GOBLET, which now has more than 20 member organisations and several individual members. The most recent meeting was hosted by the ISCB, in Berlin, alongside the events of ISMB/ECCB 2013; the possibility of the ISB hosting a GOBLET meeting during the 2014 Biocuration Conference in Toronto is now under discussion.



More recently, GOBLET was presented in a 'lightning talk' at the Workshop for e-Infrastructure Trainers held on 14 August at the Hartree Centre in Daresbury, UK

(<http://goo.gl/8QDKjq>).

To find out more, and request information please visit us at

<http://www.mygoblet.org>.

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# Upcoming Conferences

## Workshop on Ontologies and Data in Life Sciences

<http://tinyurl.com/odls-2013-en>

**When:** Sep 19-20

**Where:** Koblenz, Germany

**What:** This workshop integrates workshops of two series: the workshop series Data in Life Sciences and Ontologies in Biomedicine and Life Sciences (OBML), thereby connecting two important areas of biomedical research. This connection covers the overall spectrum of biomedical information processing, from experimental data acquisition and data management, across analysis, structuring and interpretation of data, up to the development of structures of knowledge in the form of ontologies with their various applications. Notes: Paper submission deadline: Apr 22, 2013

## 12th International Conference on Bioinformatics - InCoB2013

<http://ictbi.imed-cn.org/incob2013>

**When:** Sep 20-22, 2013.

**Where:** Taicang (China).

**What:** InCoB2013 has overall objective to provide a platform for experts and budding bioinformaticians to discuss and exchange ideas and thoughts on the development of bioinformatics in the Asia Pacific region.

## HGV2013: 14th International meeting on Human genome variation and complex genome analysis

<http://www.hgv2013.org/home>

**When:** September 30th - October 2nd, 2013

**Where:** JW Marriott Hotel (19-3 Banpo-dong, Seocho-gu, Seoul, South

Korea)

**What:** HGV2013 will bring together human geneticists from around the world to explore and share the latest in genetic technology, cancer genetics, population genetics, genomic medicine and more.

## BioCreative IV Critical Challenge & Workshop

<http://www.biocreative.org/event/s/biocreative-iv/CFP/>

**When:** October 7-9, 2013

**Where:** NCBI, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

**What:** BioCreative is a community-wide effort for evaluating text mining and information extraction systems applied to the biological domain. One key goal of BioCreative is the active involvement of the text mining user community in the design of the tracks, preparation of corpus and the testing of interactive systems.

## 10th Annual Network Biology Symposium and Cytoscape Workshop

<http://nrnb.org/cyretreat2013/>

**When:** October 9-10, 2013

**Where:** Institut Pasteur - Paris, France

**What:** The annual Network Biology Symposium and Cytoscape Workshop brings together the entire Network Biology and Cytoscape communities, including users and developers, for an overview of network biology, and a series of tutorials, workshops, meetings and demos. The meeting kicks off

with a public symposium on the latest developments in Network Biology. Please find program and registration details below.

Notes: Registration deadline is 23 September 2013.

## NETTAB 2013: Semantic, Social, and Mobile Applications for Bioinformatics and Biomedical Laboratories

<http://www.nettab.org/2013/>

**When:** Oct 16-18, 2013

**Where:** Lido of Venice, Italy

**What:** The NETTAB 2013 workshop will explore mobile, social, and semantic solutions for bioinformatics and laboratory informatics. A savvy combination of these technologies could greatly enhance the research outcome of life scientists and markedly simplify workflows in biomedical laboratories.

## Discovery Informatics Symposium: AI Takes a Science-Centered View on Big Data

<http://www.discoveryinformaticsinitiative.org/dis2013>

**When:** November 15-17, 2013

**Where:** Arlington, VA (USA)

**What:** Part of the AAAI Fall Symposium Series, this symposium will provide a forum for researchers interested in understanding the role of AI techniques in improving or innovating scientific processes.

Notes: To receive further notifications about this and related meetings you may subscribe to:

<http://discoveryinformaticsinitiative.org/mailman/listinfo/dii>



# + Biocuration Job Opportunities.



**Bioinformatics Analyst.** Mouse Genome Database (MGD), BarHarbor, MA, USA. Posted September 8, 2013. Details available at <http://goo.gl/uxdpjH>

**Scientific Curator.** Mouse Genome Database (MGD), BarHarbor, MA, USA. Posted September 8, 2013. Find more about this position at <http://goo.gl/3iRLq>

**Community Manager.** National Center for Biomedical Ontology (NCBO), Stanford University, CA, USA. Posted August 13, 2013. Details available at [http://biocurator.org/jobs/NCBO\\_Community\\_Manager.pdf](http://biocurator.org/jobs/NCBO_Community_Manager.pdf)

**Data wrangler.** Oregon Health & Science University, Eugene, OR, USA. Posted August 4, 2013. More information available at [http://biocurator.org/jobs/Data\\_wrangler\\_OHSU.pdf](http://biocurator.org/jobs/Data_wrangler_OHSU.pdf)

**Young investigators.** the Institute for Computational Biology of Montpellier, France. Posted on August 4 2013, Closing Date: 15 September 2013. For further details visit <http://www.ibc-montpellier.fr/open-positions/young-investigators>

**PhD position.** Semantic Web, biomedical ontologies, multilingualism, Montpellier, France. Posted July 2, 2013. Please find more information at [http://www.lirmm.fr/sifr/positions/2013\\_SIFR\\_PhD\\_position.html](http://www.lirmm.fr/sifr/positions/2013_SIFR_PhD_position.html)

**Biocurator.** Genestack, Cambridge, UK. Posted on May 24, 2013. Find more about this positions at <http://www.genestack.com/careers>

**Senior Software engineer.** Genestack, Cambridge, UK. Posted May 24, 2013. More information can be found at <http://www.genestack.com/careers>

**Scientific Curator.** Eugene, OR, USA. Posted March 23, 2013. Details available at <http://goo.gl/0pJMC>

**Software Engineer.** Zebrafish Model Organism Database, Eugene, OR, USA. Posted March 15, 2013. Find more about this position at <http://goo.gl/T5ZPh>

## Share your ideas with members of ISB!

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](mailto:intsocbio@gmail.com). Submission deadline for the October Newsletter is Friday, October 4th at midnight (GMT).

## 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](http://www.biocurator.org/executive_committee_minutes.html)

## ISB Newsletter Archive

Previous issues of this Newsletter can be found on the ISB website at

<http://biocurator.org/newsletter.shtml>

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Kind regards,  
The ISB Executive Committee.