

International Society for Biocuration (ISB) Executive Committee Meeting minutes

Date: 21 Dec 2017

Present: Suzi, Ceci, Rob, Nicole, Sylvain, Pete, Andrew, Zhang, Rama

Regrets: S.Orchard

Notes:

1. Welcomed Rob Davidson as the new administrative assistant to the International Society for Biocuration.

2. **Biocuration 2018 updates.** We hope you can join us in Shanghai, China in April 2018 for the 11th annual ISB conference.

- **Registration** is now open: <http://biocuration2018.cn/biocuration2018/registration.jsp>
- The call for abstracts for talks and posters was extended to January 15, 2018.
- Travel fellowships for the ISB 2018 conference are open. Deadline is January 31, 2018. (Task group: Sylvain, Sandra and Cecilia)
- The call for 2018 Biocuration Awards is now closed and nominations will be reviewed by the awards committee. The awards committee is chaired by Nicole. External nominating committee candidates have been selected by the EC, and recruited.
- Keynotes and Invited speakers are confirmed:
<http://biocuration2018.cn/biocuration2018/keynote-speaker.jsp>
- Zhang Zhang is the Conference officer, Cecilia and Nicole are joining him to help review the conference information and reflect it both on the conference and the ISB websites.

3. Biocuration Training Materials

Nicole, Peter and Moni are working to make training materials more available to the Biocuration community. We are collaborating with **GOBLET and ELIXIR TeSS** to cross post training opportunities in their portals, as well as the ISB website.

4. **ISB website** (<https://www.biocuration.org/>). We are continually working to improve the ISB website to house and disseminate valuable information for our community.

- a. We are working on options to remind members when their membership is about to expire.
- b. Committee: Andrew, Pete, Rama
- c. We will start to proactively search for biocuration jobs and populate our website - Rob
- d. We will revisit the Biocuration Society newsletter - Rob, Pete, Ceci
- e. We will create an ISB facebook account - Rob

5. ISB manuscript:

- a. The ISB drafted a manuscript describing challenges facing our field targeted to the funding agencies.
- b. The manuscript was resubmitted to PLOS as a new submission and the editors asked us to resubmit with a response to reviewers instead.
- c. Pete and Suzi will finalize the response to reviewers.

6 Survey the community as to what they want from their EC

- Suzi will draft a survey