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Mission statement



- Define and promote the work of biocurators
- Foster connections with user communities to ensure that databases and accompanying tools meet specific user needs
- Promote communication and exchanges between curators: meetings, workshops,
- Encourage best practices by providing documentation on standards and annotation procedures

1. Introduction



- Inaugural AGM
- Create a new communication channel
- Get feedback on what we are doing

Executive Committee



Alex Bateman
Chair



Marc Robinson-Rechavi
Treasurer



Monica Munoz-Torres
Secretary



Pascale Gaudet
Former Chair



Terri Attwood



Mike Cherry



Melissa Haendel



Jen Harrow



Claire O'Donovan

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MicroGrants



- Up to \$250 to further the aims of ISB
- No deadlines
 - 1st workshop of GRECO group (Norway)
 - OHSU library outreach meeting (USA)
- We are open to new ideas

Association with DATABASE **ISB** International Society for Biocuration

- DATABASE is the official journal of the ISB
- DATABASE is published by OUP which is Gold sponsor of this conference
- Continued publication of our proceedings
- OUP will advertise the society in the journal and at appropriate conferences

ISB & GOBLET



Global Organisation for Bioinformatics Learning, Education & Training

ISB became founder member of GOBLET June 2012

- an umbrella for Bioinformatics, Biocuration, Biocomputing & Computational Biology learning, education & training

GOBLET established as legal entity November 2012

- ISB signed up as silver member
- today, >30 members

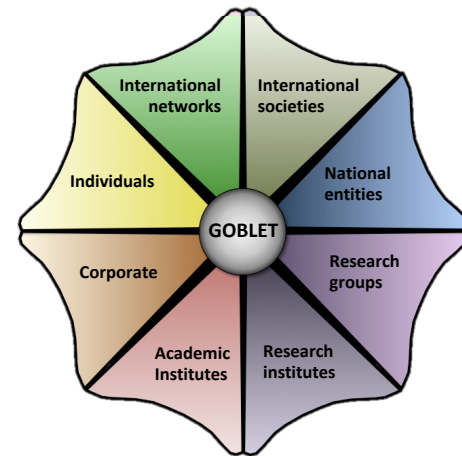


First elections November 2013

- Terri Attwood elected Committee Chair
- Pascale Gaudet elected Standards Chair

Opportunity to galvanise new training activities

- to promote ISB & ISB's work in this area
- to seek funding for joint initiatives

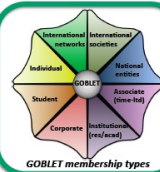


Goblet Activities

Conference posters

Bioinformatics Training and Education: towards a sustainable global network www.mygoblet.org

The Global Organisation for Bioinformatics Learning, Education & Training (GOBLET) evolved from the BTN - the Bioinformatics Training Network¹. Arising from a recognised need to coordinate a spectrum of world-wide training activities in bioinformatics, biocuration, biocomputing and computational biology, its members aim to: **share, not duplicate, effort; share, not duplicate, cost; to work together, in a mutually respectful way, towards common solutions and a sustainable future.** Join us at www.mygoblet.org



GOBLET is steering Education & Training working together the BTN, GOBLET events, and materials

GOBLET worked with ELIXIR developing standard bioinformatics training liaising with ELIXIR



Community surveys

Observation	
Countries	75% Europe
Respondents/career stage	35% PD/RA, 32% MSc/PhD
Respondents/discipline	33% plant science
Current learning method	76% self taught/colleagues
	33% level 3 (scale of 1-5)
	67% analysis/interpretation
	74% workshop/57% e-learn

Briefings In Bioinformatics Advance Access published June 25, 2013
BRIEFINGS IN BIOINFORMATICS, page 1 of 10 doi:10.1093/bib/bbt040

Best practices in bioinformatics training for life scientists

Allegra Via, Thomas Blicher, Erik Bongcam-Rudloff, Javier De Las Rivas, Jacqueline Dreyer, Pedro L. F. Jane Loveland, Federico Moran, Nicola Mulder, Teresa K. Attwood*

Submitted: 15th February 2013; Received (in revised form): 10th May 2013

The Global Organisation for Bioinformatics Learning, Education & Training (GOBLET)

GOBLET Consortium

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desire both to harmonise world-wide initiatives in bioinformatics learning, education and training, and to capitalise on increased collaboration across national and international boundaries. The participants agreed that bioinformatics training continues to be critical if we are to fully reap the benefits of the computational tools and resources that underpin the life sciences; moreover, that the need for such training has become increasingly relevant and urgent in light of the emerging challenges of next- and third-generation sequencing data generation, storage and maintenance.

As the globe are many organisations that conduct bioinformatics education activities as part of their core business, of these different educational contexts it is clear that tangible benefits – in terms of cost-effectiveness, visibility, and career development – are felt. It was therefore such organisations that were the focus of the 24th Meeting of EMBnet (the Global Bioinformatics Network), leaders and representatives of international societies, networks and training activities, met in Uppsala, Sweden, June 2012, to discuss how such training could be realised in practice.

Participants were: the International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB), the African Bioinformatics Network (ABIN), the International Society for Bioinformatics (ISB), the Society for Bioinformatics (SolBio), the International Society for Biocuration (ISB), the Bioinformatics Institute (EBI), the

Overall, there was general consensus that, to help coordinate world-wide bioinformatics training activities, it would be useful to create an umbrella organisation that would allow Bioinformatics, Biotechnology, Biocuration and Computational Biology (B3CB) societies and networks to share, not duplicate, effort; to share, not duplicate, cost; to work together more powerfully towards common solutions and a sustainable future. This 'Global Organisation for Bioinformatics Learning, Education and Training' (GOBLET) was seen as a natural evolution of the BTN (Schneider *et al.*, 2012), providing a more formal, independent structure and allowing the network to expand more effectively.

It was envisaged that GOBLET would act as a forum for cooperation and sharing. In this role, it would, amongst other things, organise international events and acquire funds to stimulate and support relevant activities. To maximise the synergy and value derivable from investments made



Latest activity

Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit
May 2013

Events

Introductory session on programming with Bioperl
July 2013



GOBLET Benefits



	Individual		Organisational (incl. corporate)			
Fee	€15	€50	€250	€500	€1,000	€2,500
Bursaries to attend co-sponsored meetings/events	✓					
Membership of 1 st global bioinformatics/B ³ CB trainer network	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Networking opportunities via mailing lists & meetings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunities to join Committees & their Task-forces	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunities to lead Task-forces	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Monthly copies of newsletter	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounted publications in <i>EMBNet.journal</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunities to galvanise new training activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Discounts to attend co-sponsored meetings/events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunities to seek joint funding		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Upload & share training materials		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Organise/disseminate course pages		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Publicity for training activities via website		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Possibility to become a GOBLET-sponsored trainer		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Right to vote in elections		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Right to run for Executive position			✓	✓	✓	✓
Waived fee for organising an AGM			✓	✓	✓	✓
Publicity for organisation via website			✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunities to seek event sponsorship			✓	✓	✓	✓
Subsidised AGM attendance if elected to Executive position				✓	✓	✓
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Marketing opportunities						✓

Biocurators as reviewers

- Curators not often (enough) asked to review papers - where we could potentially have a great effect on the literature before it goes to print
- We don't publish a lot or on the same topics as papers that need reviewing => not found in reviewer ID systems
- Journals such as Bioinformatics and PLoS welcome registering with their reviewer systems. Include your expertise and the keywords “biocuration” or “data curation”
For example: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/bioinformatics>

New officer roles



- Many important things need to get done
- EC decided to create new officer roles
- Membership Officer
 - monitoring email accounts, updating list of members, managing payments.
 - Lorna Richardson (previously ISB Secretary)
- Other roles:
 - Convention Officer
 - Publications Officer
 - PR Officer
 - Website Officer
 - Training Liaison Officer

New website



- Designed by Marie-Jean Meurs, Monica Munoz-Torrez and Pascale Gaudet
- Word-press based
- Improved functionality: members will be able to post content (jobs, conferences, discussions)
- Membership, email list and website will be integrated



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Welcome to the ISB

The ISB is a non profit organisation for biocurators, developers, and researchers with an interest in biocuration. The society promotes the field of biocuration and provides a forum for information exchange through meeting and workshops.

Biocuration interest Items

video tutorial, a great way to convey information

article

Genome Database, Lite

Meetings & conferences

News

Happy 2014 January 2, 2014

ISB new web site! October 16, 2013

Mark the dates! October 15, 2013

2013 ISB Executive October 1, 2013

DORA December 1, 2012

@biocurator

Tweets

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ISB 2014 Conference

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The International Society of Biocuration conference #ISB2014 abstract book is available on-line:
biocuration2014.events.oicr.on.ca/files/abstr
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Finance report 2013



membership fees	12 199
ISB representation	-303
travel fellowships	-5 807
expenses ISB exec	-426
taxes	-45
website	-500
GOBLET	-655
balance 2013	4 462
Total funds	30,463

2014:

- microsponsoring: budget CHF 2000
- communication: budget CHF 500

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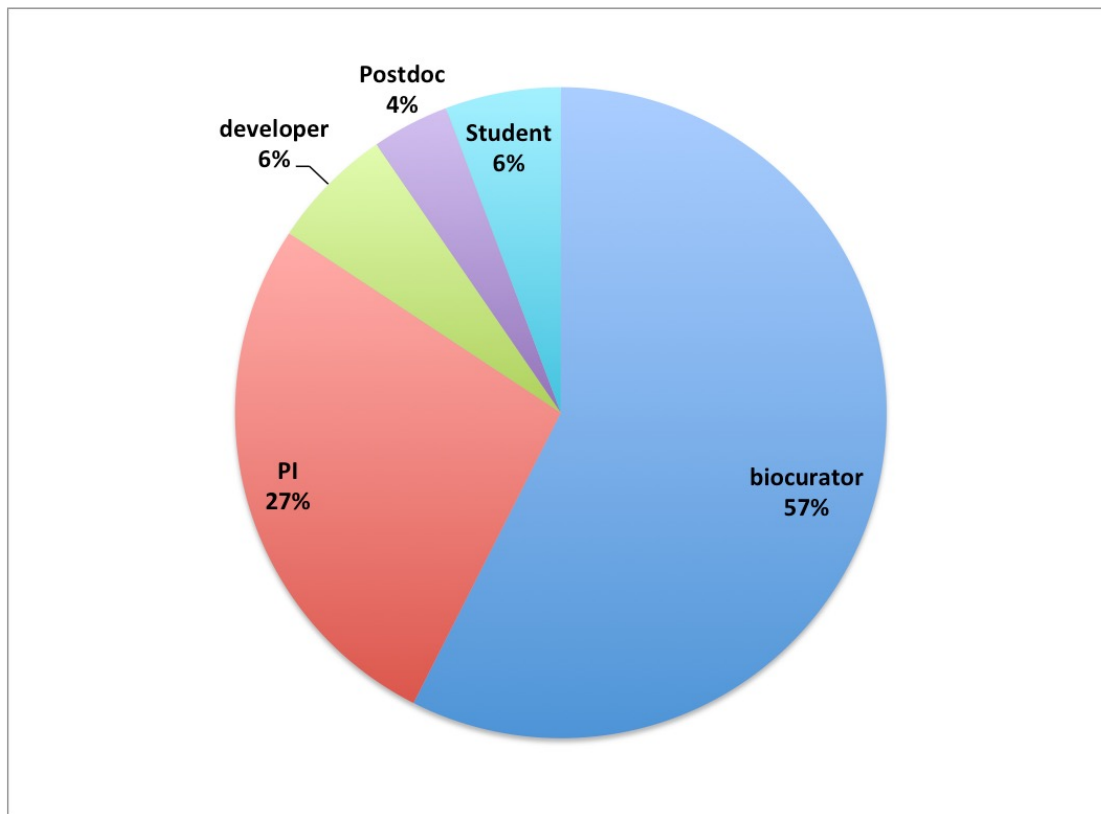


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Membership report



- The society currently has 295 members



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Proposed changes to terms of ISB Executive Committee members

Current	Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Members of the Committee are elected for a period of 2 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Members of the Committee shall be elected for terms of <u>3 years</u>.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No limit on the number of times a person may run or how long s/he may remain on the EC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A member can serve two consecutive terms, <u>for a total of 6 years</u>, subject to successful reelection by the membership at the end of the first term

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