



# International Society of Biocuration

2016 Annual General Meeting  
Geneva, Switzerland

# Mission of the ISB

- 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



## Activities & Awards

- Travel Fellowships.
- Biocuration Career Award
- Micro-Grants \$500 to further the mission of the society. There are no deadlines.
- Founding member of GOBLET, Global Organisation for Bioinformatics Learning, Education and Training.
- ISB Committees: Elections, Web content, Newsletters, Outreach, +
- Data parasites (re NEJM editorial)
- Job Postings
- BioDBCore

# Biocuration.org - New Website

Thank you : Pascal Gaudet, Moni Munoz-Torres, Hayda Alemeida, and Marie-Jean Meurs



The screenshot shows the homepage of the International Society for Biocuration (ISB). At the top, the ISB logo is displayed, featuring a stylized green and blue geometric design next to the text "ISB International Society for Biocuration". Below the logo, a dark green navigation bar contains the text "International Society for Biocuration" and a search icon. The navigation bar also includes a menu with the following items: "WELCOME TO THE ISB!", "WHAT'S NEW? ▾", "COMMUNITY ▾", "DISSEMINATION ▾", "MEMBERSHIP ▾", "CONTACT THE ISB", and "ABOUT THE ISB ▾". The main content area is titled "WHAT IS BIOCURATION?". Below this title, a section titled "What is biocuration?" provides a definition: "Biocuration involves the translation and integration of information relevant to biology into a database or resource that enables integration of the scientific literature as well as large data sets. Accurate and comprehensive representation of biological knowledge, as well as easy access to this data for working scientists and a basis for com-". To the right of the main content, there is a section titled "TWEETS BY @BIOCURATOR" which displays a tweet from "Int Soc Biocuration @biocurator" mentioning the "Coral Trait Database" and providing a link to the database.

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#### TWEETS BY @BIOCURATOR

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**Int Soc Biocuration**  
@biocurator

#biocuration [ift.tt/1WXmZYy](https://ift.tt/1WXmZYy) The Coral Trait Database, a curated database of trait information for coral species from the global o...

# ISB Executive Committee 2015-2016

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# ISB Financial Report

<b>Income</b>	Membership fees	\$28,367.81
<b>Expenditures</b>	GOBLET	\$553.64
	Conference Advance	\$18,897.39
	Travel fellowship 2015	\$2,414.92
	Travel fellowship 2016	\$10,000.00
	GOBLET meeting travel	\$1,384.88
	Swiss taxes	\$6,869.75
	Website hosting	\$205.08
	Website creation & maintenance	\$773.70
	Bank charges	\$67.00
<b>Balance as of 1 January 2015</b>		<b>\$76,827.78</b>
<b>Income in 2015</b>		<b>\$28,367.81</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>(\$41,166.36)</b>
<b>Balance as of 31 December 2015</b>		<b>\$64,029.23</b>

## New -- Discount for DATABASE publication

DATABASE is the official journal of the ISB since 2013. This is an Open Source Oxford University Press publication. Since 2009 they have published papers associated with the Biocuration meeting as a Virtual Issue.

Members of the ISB can now receive a 20% discount on the open access fees associated with publishing in DATABASE. The first or corresponding author must be an ISB member.



# **Biocuration 2016 Travel Awards Recipients**



## **Scientific co-operation between Eastern Europe and Switzerland – SCOPES**

Galzitskaya Oxana, Russia  
Grbic Milana, Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Kovacevic Jovana, Serbia  
Kulev Ognyan Alekseev, Bulgaria  
Matic Dragan, Bosnia-  
Herzegovina  
Perovic Vladimir, Serbia  
Szymanski Maciej, Poland  
Veljkovic Nevena, Serbia

## **International Society for Biocuration**

Hayda Almeida, Brazil  
Qingyu Chen, Australia  
Hayley Dingerdissen, USA  
Alba Gutiérrez Sacristán, Spain  
Jean-Philippe Gourdine, USA  
Jinmeng Jia, China  
Timothy Putman, USA  
Francesco Russo, Italy  
Alex Warwick Vesztröcy, UK

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**





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# 9<sup>th</sup> International Biocuration Conference Best Poster Awards

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- **Francesco Russo**, miRandola 2016: the latest version of the circulating RNA database.
- **Maria Costanzo**, The Type 2 Diabetes Knowledge Portal: accelerating type 2 diabetes research through community access to human genetic information and tools.
- **Chris Armit**, Web-based 3D visualisation of anatomy at eMouseAtlas
- **Robin Liechti**, SourceData: Making Data Discoverable
- **Monica C Munoz-Torres**, Essential requirements for community annotation tools.



- **Joseph Onwubiko**, The Enzyme Portal – bringing enzyme data together
- **George Demetriou**, A Curation Pipeline for Bio-derived Chemical Feedstocks
- **Alix Rey**, Outreach activities at FlyBase

# Poster Award Committee

Chair: Zhang Zhang

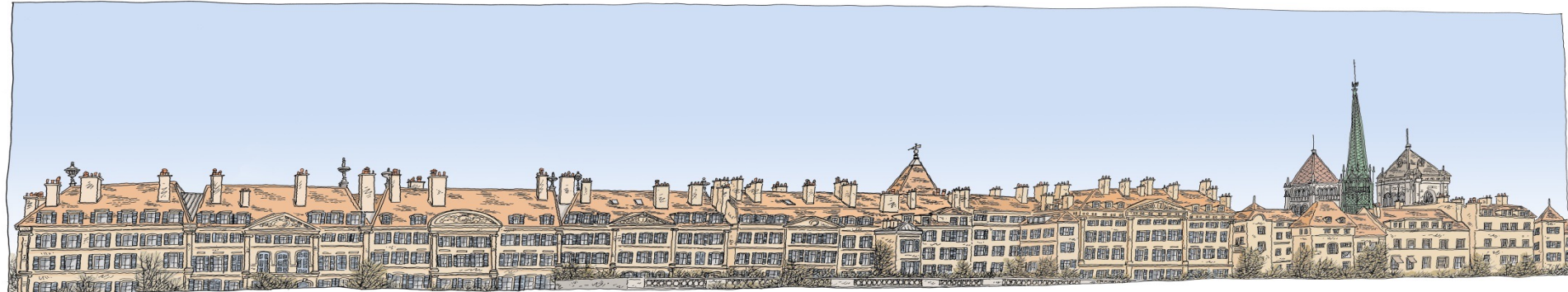
Alex Bateman

Igor Grigoriev

Jurgen Haas

Marc Robinson-Rechavi

Weimin Zhu



# Previous Biocuration Meetings

- ❖ 2005 -- Asilomar, Monterey, California
- ❖ 2007 -- San Jose, California
- ❖ 2009 -- Berlin, Germany
- ❖ 2010 -- Tokyo, Japan
- ❖ 2012 -- Washington, DC
- ❖ 2013 -- Cambridge, UK
- ❖ 2014 -- Toronto, Canada
- ❖ 2015 -- Beijing, China





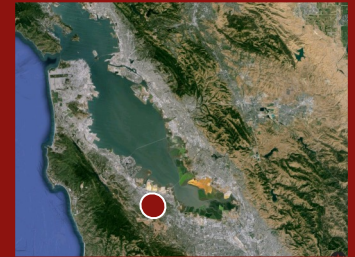
# Biocuration 2017 – Stanford University

Palo Alto, California

March 26–29, 2017



Join us next March in Palo Alto, south of San Francisco

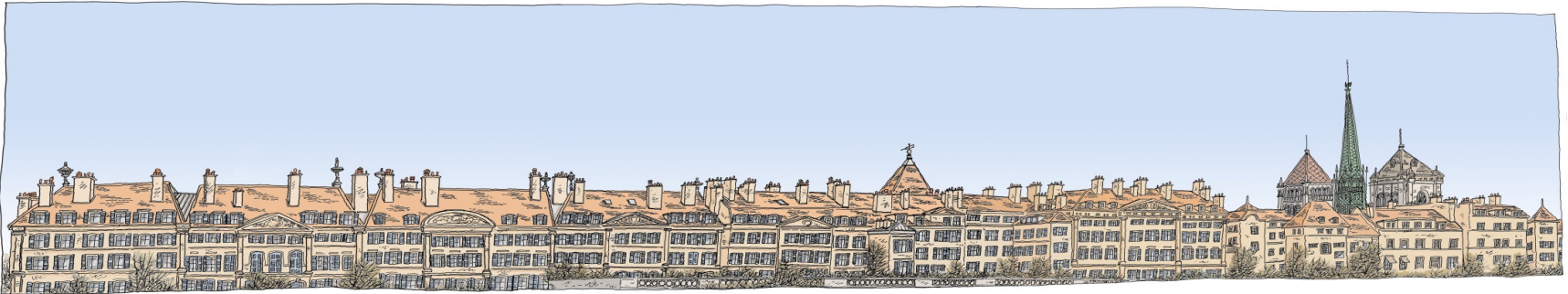


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[Biocuration2017.org](http://Biocuration2017.org)

# Sharing slides and posters

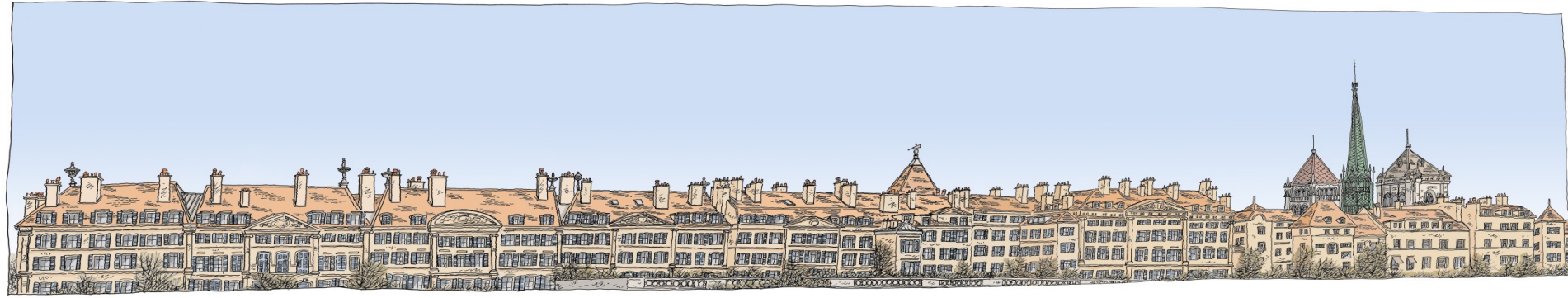
- The conference organizers would like to make slides presented at Biocuration 2016 available. You will be contacted to opt out if you would rather not make your slides public.
- There is a f1000 Biocuration channel for posters:  
<http://f1000research.com/channels/biocuration>  
Presenters will be contacted to upload their posters.





**The ISB Executive Committee would like to thank our  
volunteers for their dedication to the society.**

**Pascale Gaudet  
Lorna Richardson  
Lydie Bougueleret  
Hayda Almeida  
Marie-Jean Meurs  
Sylvain Poux**



# Please return your conference badge !

