

## Nomination for membership of the ISB Executive Committee

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I have worked in Biocuration for over 13 years and look to serve on the Executive Committee to help promote and develop Biocuration as a career that is recognised and appreciated beyond our own community. I would look to find ways to strengthen the opportunities for training for biocurators, both at an early stage in their careers to help them do their job, but also as their role develops to gain qualifications which are externally recognised and give credit to the many aspects of the work of a curator. I also feel we need to find ways of more pro-actively approaching funding agencies, and ensure that the value of curation is recognised when grants are being discussed and awarded. I would be interested in reaching out to industry to support us in this effort – the pharmaceutical, nutraceutical and agrochemical industries all use the results of our work and could supply valuable evidence to its significance and also help by publicly stating how important the curation of scientific data is to the work of the entire research community.

I have worked at the EMBL-EBI (European Bioinformatics Institute) first as a Curator for UniProt, InterPro and Gene Ontology) and then for the IntAct Molecular interaction database. Prior to this, I worked as an enzymologist in the pharmaceutical industry, for Roche Products Ltd. I was project leader for IntAct for a number of years and more recently become the Molecular Interaction Team leader. I was a member of the local organizing committee for the 2013 Biocuration meeting held in Cambridge, UK, where I was responsible for the finances, and have recently been asked to act as the non-executive Financial Officer of the ISB.

I am an Executive Editor of the Journal of Proteomics & Bioinformatics and the Map Kinase Journal and have no known conflict of interest to declare.