

# Newsletter of The International Society for Biocuration.

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Participants of the Biocuration 2010 Conference take a tour of Tokyo Bay at night. Backdrop: Rainbow Bridge, Tokyo, Japan. October, 11-14, 2010.



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Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to share the latest news and activities of the Biocuration research community. Presentations from our last meeting in Tokyo are available from Nature Precedings at <http://precedings.nature.com/collections/biocuration10> and more pictures are available at <http://hinv.jp/biocuration2010>. We are looking forward to a very productive year working with all of you!

**Happy New Year!**

**BioDBCore**

**Published!** The paper "*Towards BioDBCore: a community-defined information specification for biological databases*", spearheaded by ISB, has been published. To improve description of the various biological databases, ISB and many of its collaborators propose the adoption of a community-defined, uniform, generic description of the core attributes of biological databases, BioDBCore. More information can be found on the BioDBCore page at <http://biocurator.org/biodbcore.shtml>. The article was simultaneously published as part of the 2011 Database Issue from Nucleic Acids Research, (available at <http://tinyurl.com/33g3y7u>) and in the journal Database (<http://tinyurl.com/38afda4>). Please email ISB if you would like to join this initiative!

The following is the latest job advertisement from around your community:

📧 FlyBase is seeking a Senior Database Developer. FlyBase, Cambridge, MA USA.

<http://tinyurl.com/392xz8n>

Please Visit our Biocuration Job Openings page for additional details at

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

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### 📧 ISB Executive Committee

**meetings.** The ISB Executive Committee meets monthly. Minutes from the meetings can be found on the ISB website at

[http://www.biocurator.org/executive\\_committee\\_minutes.shtml](http://www.biocurator.org/executive_committee_minutes.shtml)

Please email us at [intsocbio@gmail.com](mailto:intsocbio@gmail.com) with announcements you'd like to share with other ISB members. Comments and suggestions are encouraged!

Kind regards,  
The ISB Executive Committee