

Newsletter of The International Society for Biocuration.



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ISB career survey

We would like to find out more on the paths that have led people to become biocurators and how they feel about their work and their career aspirations. We thank you in advance for your participation in the survey! The survey can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/isb-survey>

Job Announcements

- ☒ **FlyBase** seeks maternity cover for a part-time (40% FTE) literature analyst in the Department of Genetics at the University of Cambridge, UK. Details are available at <http://tinyurl.com/flybase1>. Posted on March 28; Closing Date: April 15, 2011.
- ☒ **FlyBase** seeks a full-time literature analyst to join an existing group in the Department of Genetics at the University of Cambridge, UK. Details available at <http://tinyurl.com/flybase2>. Posted on March 28; Closing Date: April 8, 2011
- ☒ **IntAct**, molecular interaction database, seeks a Database Curator. More details available at <http://tinyurl.com/intact-pdf>. Posted on March 28; Closing Date: April 10, 2011.

Meetings

- ☒ **Biocuration2012**. April 2 - 4, 2012, Washington, D.C. Hosted by the Protein Information Resource (PIR).
- ☒ **BioDBCCore workshop**. It will be held at ISMB, July, 2011. Organized by Dawn Field, NERC, NEBC, United Kingdom, Pascale Gaudet, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Switzerland, Susanna-Assunta Sansone, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. <http://tinyurl.com/biodbcore>
- ☒ **International Conference on Biomedical Ontology**. ICBO will be held on July 26-30, 2011. <http://icbo.buffalo.edu>
- ☒ **1st International Workshop on Semantic Publication**. **SePublica** will be held this May in Crete, Greece. <http://sepublica.mywikipaper.org>
- ☒ **Web Publishing of Scientific Data and Services Training Course**. This series strives to train service-providers in the use of modern semantic approaches to publishing informatics resources on the Web, using the Semantic Web Services Paradigm. It will be held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. May 19-20th, 2011. <http://tinyurl.com/web-publish>.

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GMOD Americas ~ Meeting Report ~

Almost 60 people participated in one or more events during the week. The meeting was held on March 5 - 6, 2011 at NESCent, Durham, NC United States. The newly offered 'Introduction to GMOD' session presented GMOD's 'big picture' to over 20 attendees. The two-day Meeting featured group discussions, Eric Stone's talk on the challenges of the Drosophila Genetic Reference Panel, and 15 other talks on project status and direction, component updates, and best practices. The Satellite Meetings were more popular than ever before, with over 20 people participating! Finally, the 2011 GMOD Spring Training course offered 25 participants five days of hands-on training on installing, configuring and using popular GMOD components. The course featured new sessions on InterMine and SOBA as well as updated sessions on Apollo, Chado, Galaxy, GBrowse, GBrowse_syn, JBrowse, MAKER, and Tripal. Feedback on the events will be published shortly.

The next GMOD meeting is scheduled for October, 2011 at the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) in Toronto, Canada. **Mark your calendars!**

ISB Executive Committee Meetings

The ISB Executive Committee meets monthly. Minutes from the meetings can be found on the ISB website at <http://tinyurl.com/isb-minutes>

Please email us at 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