

# Newsletter of The International Society for Biocuration.



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Coming up  
soon . . .



## Meetings

- ☒ **Biocuration2012.** April 2-4, 2012, Washington, D.C. Hosted by the Protein Information Resource (PIR).
- ☒ **1st International Workshop on Semantic Publication. SePublica 2011** will be held on May 29-June 2 in Crete, Greece. <http://sepublica.mywikipaper.org>
- ☒ **ISMB workshop on Unifying Bio-Resource Descriptors.** The workshop will be held on July 18, as part of the ISMB/ECCB-2011 conference in Vienna, Austria. Organized by Dawn Field, NERC, NEBC, United Kingdom, Pascale Gaudet, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Switzerland, Susanna-Assunta Sansone, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. <http://www.iscb.org/ismbeccb2011-program/workshops>. The workshop will bring together developers, curators, journal editors and researchers to discuss the growing number of (closely related) efforts emerging around catalogues of tools, databases, related data and publications. The focus of the workshop is a strawman uniform system for describing bio-resources, in particular, indicating in a consistent manner which community-defined standards such as minimal information checklists, and terminologies and exchange formats they implement. Such a uniform system will i) assist the research and bioinformatics communities to locate and access the information distributed in these bio-resources, and ii) inform journal editors and funding agencies, implementing data preservation, management and sharing policies, when recommending or requiring that certain standards are met and that data are deposited into a public database.
- ☒ **International Conference on Biomedical Ontology.** ICBO will be held on July 26-30, 2011 at University of Buffalo, NY. The submission deadline for papers is March 11, 2011. <http://icbo.buffalo.edu>
- ☒ **Asia Pacific Bioinformatics Network's 10th InCoB - 1st ISCB Asia Joint Conference 2011.** Nov 30-Dec 2, 2011. <http://www.incob2011.org>. The main objective of the conference is to provide a platform for experts and budding bioinformaticians to discuss and exchange ideas and thoughts on the development of bioinformatics in the Asia Pacific region. We hope many of the ISB members will join the workshop on Biocuration. Plenary speakers at the InCoB/ISCB-Asia Joint Conference 2011 include ISB's very own Alex Bateman and Pascale Gaudet. **(Continued in Page 2).**

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## ISB Membership Renewal

ISB memberships will expire on June 1st. Our members can expect an email with details about renewing your membership. We thank you in advance for your continued support to the International Society for Biocuration.



<http://wustl.edu>

## Meetings (Continued)

**W 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>.

## The "Apps for Science" Challenge!

Please consider participating in the Apps for Science Challenge. Elsevier is offering \$35,000 in prizes and challenging software developers to help more than 15 million researchers, medical professionals, librarians and students navigate scientific content, improve scientific search and discovery, visualize sophisticated data in more insightful and attractive ways and stimulate collaboration. See full details for "Apps for Science" at <http://appsforscience.com>.

### 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](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