

Newsletter of The International Society for Biocuration.



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Fifth International Biocuration Conference

April 2 - 4, 2012, Washington, D.C. Hosted by the Protein Information Resource (PIR). <http://pir.georgetown.edu/biocuration2012.html>

- ☑ **Speakers:** Rich Roberts, Fritz Roth and Mark Yandell have confirmed their attendance as plenary speakers.
- ☑ **Main topics:** ontologies, standards and best practices, protein annotation, community annotation and wikis, genomics and metagenomics data curation, HTP data curation and presentation, literature collection and curation, and tools to assist curation.
- ☑ **Call for papers:** In preparation for the 5th International Biocuration Conference we invite you to submit your work to be considered for publication in a special issue of Database: The Journal of Biological Databases and Curation (<http://database.oxfordjournals.org/>). Additionally your work will be considered for an oral presentation at the Biocuration 2012 meeting. This is a great opportunity to enhance the recognition of our profession by the greater biological research communities. Further details are available at the ISB website at http://biocurator.org/Biocuration2012_CP.shtml. Submission deadline: October 15, 2011.

Elections: ISB Executive Committee

The election of the new ISB Executive Committee is quickly approaching and we would like to invite any members interested in running for election to get in touch with us. The Executive Committee is composed of nine (9) members, each with a 2-year term. This year, the terms of five (5) members are up: Teresa Attwood, Alex Bateman, Tanya Berardini, Tadashi Imanishi, and Ioannis Xenarios.

Membership on the Executive Committee is a great way to become directly involved with the work of our society, and contribute to the decisions that are taken on behalf of the biocuration community. To run for election, contact the Nominating Committee at isbelection@gmail.com



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☒ **BioDBcore Workshop:** "Unifying Bio-Resources Descriptors". Members of the International Society for Biocuration (ISB, biocurator.org) and the BioSharing (biosharing.org) initiative work together to develop and implement BioDBcore (biodbcore.org), a community-defined, uniform system for describing the core attributes of biological databases. The workshop discussed the growing number of closely related efforts aimed at developing catalogues of tools, databases, related data and publications. It particularly addressed how BioDBcore attributes and BioSharing catalogues can be used in combination, and the mechanism to exchange descriptors between the two.

☒ **ISB at ISMB:** Last month Claire O'Donovan introduced ISMB participants to the International Society for Biocuration and reported on the diverse and valuable work of our members around the world. She also highlighted aspects of career development in our field.

Job Opportunities

☒ Biocurator for neXtProt in the CALIPHO group of the SIB Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Geneva, Switzerland. Closing date: Aug 10, 2011. Details available at <http://goo.gl/pFGW9>.

☒ Biocurator and lead-biocurator/bioinformatician positions available at BGI Shenzhen/BGI Hong Kong. Request details, or submit an application via email to [scott.edmunds\[at\]genomics.cn](mailto:scott.edmunds[at]genomics.cn).

☒ Scientific Knowledge Manager, Grand Rapids, MI. Details available at <http://goo.gl/44oyE>.

☒ Biomedical Curator, Heidelberg, Germany. More information at <http://goo.gl/jWyF5>.

☒ Assistant Editor, NCI-Nature Pathway Interaction Database at the Nature Publishing Group New York/Boston/London offices. Details available at <http://goo.gl/sPHK2>. Closing date: September 18, 2011.

☒ Two scientific database curator positions at UniProt-EBI. More information at <http://goo.gl/VS4mD>. Closing dates: Aug 26 and Sept 7.

☒ Bioinformatics Programmer at The Arabidopsis Information Resource (TAIR) at the Carnegie Institution for Science. Stanford University campus. Details available at <http://goo.gl/2fnos>.

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 would like to share with other ISB members. Comments and suggestions are encouraged!

Kind regards,
The ISB Executive Committee.

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