

Newsletter of the International Society for Biocuration



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Winter Sunrise over Washington, DC. (by MMT)

Conference Key Deadlines

Abstract submission: Closed
Early bird registration: February 25
Online registration: March 30

Please note: some dates have changed!

5th International Biocuration Conference

April 2 - 4, 2012 at the Georgetown University Hotel & Conference Center, Washington, D.C. Hosted by the **Protein Information Resource**. Sponsored by **The International Society for Biocuration, Oxford Journals & BioMed Central**. With the support of **ImMunoGeneTics**.

<http://pir.georgetown.edu/biocuration2012.html>

Distinguished Plenary Speakers:

Rich Roberts, Fritz Roth & Mark Yandell

BioCreative 2012

The BioCreative-2012 Workshop on Interactive Text Mining in the Biocuration Workflow aims to bring together the biocuration and text mining communities towards the development and evaluation of interactive text mining tools and systems to improve utility and usability in the biocuration workflow. This workshop offers 3 tracks, in which Track III (<http://goo.gl/QTvp1>) is an interactive text mining and user evaluation task. Several groups have submitted a text mining/NLP system targeted to a specific biocuration task. These systems will be formally evaluated but not competitively. The organizers invite biocurators to participate remotely in this system evaluation (with a system of their choice) prior to the BioCreative workshop. The evaluation will run from March 1-15. Results will be presented by the Track organizers during the workshop on April 5. Of course, you are welcome to join them at the workshop! A demo and testing session will be offered there. Information about the systems can be found at <http://goo.gl/hrNtv>, and Information about the workshop can be found at <http://goo.gl/rzO8v>. Cecilia Arighi, & the BioCreative Workshop Organizers.

Job Opportunities

- The Lewis-Sigler Institute for Integrative Genomics and the Department of Computer Science is looking for a Scientific Software Engineer to join the Computational Functional Genomics Group. More information at <http://goo.gl/bbIUv>
- The European Nucleotide Archive is looking for a highly motivated Scientific Database Curator at EBI. Please apply online through www.embl.org/jobs; Reference number EBI_00162.
- Sol Genomics Network is seeking a Curator for MetaCyc. Interested applicants should contact Lukas Mueller by email (LAM87@cornell.edu) with "MetaCyc Curator position" in the subject line.
- There are open positions for candidates with Semantic Web framework and software development experience at the EU funded GRANATUM project, details on the project can be found at <http://granatum.org/>. Send an application letter, CV and name of two references to helena.deus@deri.org

Executive Committee Meetings

The ISB Executive Committee meets monthly. Minutes from the meetings are posted on the ISB website

<http://tinyurl.com/isb-minutes>

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Please email us at intsoebio@gmail.com with announcements you would like to share with other ISB members. Comments and suggestions are encouraged!

Kind regards,
The ISB Executive Committee.