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**2012 Elections: ISB Executive Committee**

The election of the new ISB Executive Committee will be held in September. The Executive Committee is composed of nine (9) members, each with a 2-year term. 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. We would like to encourage all members interested in running for election to become involved in the process. Nominations will be accepted soon!

**ISB Membership Renewal**

For many of us, membership fees are due this month! Notices for renewal of ISB Memberships will be reaching inboxes in the coming days. Your ISB Membership goes to support activities such as the International Biocuration Conference (travel support was provided for 10 attendees to ISB2012), BioDBCore (in collaboration with BioSharing), and to establish links with other groups.

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Congratulations, Janet Thornton (DBE)

Janet M. Thornton, Director of the EMBL-EBI, has just been awarded the British honor of Dame Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (DBE) in the 2012 Queen’s Birthday Honors list.

Professor Dame Thornton is one of the world’s leading researchers in structural bioinformatics, and her track record of innovation includes also the study of enzyme function, and some of the molecular processes of aging. She has also played a key role in championing the sharing of biological data, and in encouraging sharing and collaboration on a global and international scale. She is the coordinator of ELIXIR, a project created with the purpose to construct and operate a sustainable infrastructure for biological information in Europe.

Training Opportunities

Master’s of Medical Science in Biomedical Informatics - Harvard Medical School Applications for the class of 2012 and the class of 2013 are now being accepted at www.informaticstraining.hms.harvard.edu

Job Opportunities

- OMA Project Leader at the ETH Zurich and Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Zurich, Switzerland. Posted May 5, 2012. For more information visit http://bit.ly/KgXV7W
- Scientific Database Curator/Annotator in ChEBI team, EBI, Hinxton, UK. For more information visit http://bit.ly/HBoeGI. Posted April 17, 2012

IsB Newsletter Archive

Previous issues of this Newsletter can be found on the ISB website at http://biocurator.org/newsletter.shtml

Executive Committee Meetings

The ISB Executive Committee meets monthly. Minutes from the meetings are posted on the ISB website http://www.biocurator.org/executive_committee_minutes.html

Do you have new ideas to share with members of ISB? Send us a news article written to biocurators as the audience. In 260 words or less tell us about the tools used in your site, or those offered for distribution to the community. Broadcast announcements and advances from your team to all the members of ISB by sending an email to intsocbio@gmail.com. Submission deadline for the August Newsletter is Friday, July 27th at 7:00 PM EDT/GMT-4.

Comments and suggestions are welcome!

Kind regards,

The ISB Executive Committee.

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