

ISB Board Meeting - 14 October 2009  
Public Minutes

Attendees:

Pascale Gaudet  
Lydie Bougueleret  
Lorna Richardson  
Teresa Attwood  
Alex Bateman  
Tanya Berardini  
Tadashi Imanishi  
Ioannis Xenarios

Apologies:

Owen White

1. Society Journal

There was extensive discussion regarding the various journal options, including which option best represents the society mission and goals. The executive board remains roughly divided on what is considered the best option for the society. It was decided to work on editing the new scope for Database, as this was one of the main concerns with the Database option.

2. Announcement of Society

It was suggested to submit a correspondence to Nature in response to the Nature editorial "Data's shameful neglect." The correspondence was composed by the executive board and submitted. (It was returned by Nature as it was felt that the issues had been covered in "The future of Biocuration" in the Big Data Issue.)

3. Rules for the ISB Governance

In conjunction with the legally binding constitution (available on the ISB website) the executive committee can define a set of guidelines for the governance of the society which must be in agreement with the constitution, but can contain more specific details. This is useful for specifying of membership renewal dates, and AGM frequency etc. Lydie has produced a first draft of this and will circulate it for development by the executive board.