

ISB Executive Committee Meeting – 28 May 2010
Public Minutes

Attendees:

Pascale Gaudet
Lorna Richardson
Teresa Attwood
Tanya Berardini
Tadashi Imanishi
Alex Bateman

Apologies:

Owen White
Ioannis Xenarios
Lydie Bougueleret

1. Membership Renewals

On June 1st, all member statuses will be automatically set to “unpaid” and an email sent to request payment of membership dues. There was some discussion on the technical aspects of how to integrate the membership database with the conference registration form to determine the membership status of conference registrants.

2. 2010 Election

The nominating committee was proposed and agreed by the board, and the duties of the nominating committee clarified. The time line for the election was agreed and will be announced in due course along with a call for candidacies. The number of positions available for candidacies will be announced then also.

3. ISB International Conference

Preparation for the conference is going well. The organizing committee has agreed on the invited speakers and invitations will be sent out soon. Registration page will open on 1st June. Call for papers to follow.

4. Conflict of Interests Statements

In the interests of openness and honesty, it was decided that all members of the Executive Board should provide a statement describing any potential conflicts of interests between the ISB and their other activities.

5. Evaluation of Resources

It was suggested that the ISB could provide a metric for evaluating databases/resources. Such evaluations have been carried out by various resources and groups, and the board are currently investigating these efforts in an attempt to produce a gold standard list of requirements.

6. Goals and Funding Requirements

It was decided to produce a document for the membership detailing the society’s achievements to date. This will also highlight areas that require our focus to continue to achieve all goals of the mission statement.