

ISB Executive Committee Meeting – 16 August 2010  
Public Minutes

Attendees: Lorna, Pascale, Tanya, Terri, Alex, Lydie, Owen.  
Apologies: Tadashi, Ioannis.

1. 2010 Election Progress

There are currently 12 candidates. Plan to post letters of intent on website soon.

2. Conference Progress report:

There are a number of people planning to go but not yet registered.

Members are encouraged to register as it helps with the planning of the meeting.

The meeting needs to be well publicized in Asia as that is where most delegates will travel from. Will touch base again soon for latest numbers and expectations of numbers.

3. TAIR data submission tool:

Tanya gave a demo of the TAIR on-line data submission tool. Very nice tool.

Launched 3 months ago, so far have had 15 people submit about 200 annotations.

Tool is linked in to the submission process of certain journals – authors are encouraged to submit their data using the tool when publishing. But users can submit data from any journal.

Tool only open to registered TAIR users for now.

4. Beyond the PDF workshop proposal:

This could be a good choice of meeting for the society to support financially as it is a good initiative that supports point in our mission. Discussion about our support of the ISB meeting.

Decision to offer grants for registration to a number of members (students and curators) upon application – details to follow.

5. Metrics for evaluating resources/Minimal information for biological databases.

Discussion on proposal sent by Pascale, for the ISB to formally endorse and contribute to the creation of an MI\*\* standard for biological databases.

Discussion about a plan to gather together all the current lists of databases/resources to provide a centralized list of metadata relating to databases. Perhaps role of ISB should be to set the descriptive requirements for such a list?

Is this an effort that the ISB supports in principle? (discussion continuing)

Working group already exists, Pascale to share the link on the current efforts of the working group. Exec board to continue discussion by email on this subject.