

Minutes of the ISB Executive Committee Meeting  
May 9 or 10, 2011, Monday or Tuesday (depending on time zone)

UK: Tue 10 May @ 07.00  
Geneva: Tue 10 May @ 08.00  
Bay Area: Mon 9 May @ 23.00  
Tokyo: Tue 10 May @ 15.00

Meeting Start: 11:03 pm, May 9, Pacific

Expected: Lorna Richardson, Mike Cherry, Pascale Gaudet, Tanya Berardini, Alex Bateman, Tadashi Imanishi, Ioannis Xenarios, Claire O'Donovan

Attending: Mike Cherry, Pascale Gaudet, Ioannis Xenarios, Claire O'Donovan, Tanya Berardini, Lorna Richardson

Regrets: Terri Atwood

Absent: Alex Bateman, Tadashi Imanishi

- Biocuration 2012 update
  - organizing committee has been invited and the agenda is being planned
  - plenary speakers will be invited next
  
- Survey update
  - at least 225 responses so far
  - results are being reviewed and will be published
  
- Election 2011
  - Nominating Committee to be set by June 2011 for the election in September 2011
  - Ideally the Executive Board will have members representing the diversity of the society's membership, both in geographic distribution as well as range of experience in biocuration.
  - Voting process will be coordinated more closely this year to ensure that every member is able to vote and informed of all voting procedures.
  
- Identity in Research Infrastructure and Scientific Communication [\(IRISC\) Workshop](#), 12-13 September 2011
  - Premises of CSC at Keilaranta 14, Espoo, Finland
  - will discuss disambiguating researcher names, ids for researchers, might make some microannotations possible
  - topic of interest right now is Session 1: Challenges in identifying and attributing knowledge contributors, others not so much
  - ISB is considering sending a representative to this meeting if the society can benefit from participation

- 'letter to editors' we were planning to send out a few years ago:
  - [http://wiki.geneontology.org/index.php/Letter\\_to\\_Editors](http://wiki.geneontology.org/index.php/Letter_to_Editors)
  - We will reopen discussion with journals, among the membership to revise this letter and get it out.
- 2012 NAR Database Issue: submitters will be encouraged to register with BioDBcore
- The BioDBCore effort will be described and publicized at the ISMB workshop during the 'Unifying Biodescriptors' workshop, Monday July 18th, 2:30 - 4:25 pm. We invite everyone to attend.

**Action items to review:**

- Representation at ISMB 2011
  - We will have ISB materials at the EBI booth. EBI has generously allowed us to share their booth space.
- Expanding membership: Recruit companies with biocuration staff
  - We will continue to explore ways in which commercial entities can participate/join/contribute to ISB
    - Possible topic for biocuration meeting: open access to curated data vs. private access only, public/private partnerships in knowledge biocuration
- ISB funds to be disbursed
  - ideas: sponsor travel to biocuration conference for people who could otherwise not make it, design of new flyers, hire an accountant, website hosting

Meeting end: 12:04 am, May 10 Pacific