

ISB Executive Committee Meeting - Public Minutes

March 7/8, 2012

(1) Biocuration 2012

The process for awarding ISB travel grants is on schedule. The 10 successful applicants have been chosen and will be contacted shortly to inform them of their success and of the process for claiming.

The ISB have also sponsored the provision of the abstract books on USB flash drives at the conference.

The exec committee will take the opportunity of the conference to have a face-to-face board meeting. A number of action items for discussion at this extended meeting have been identified. Specifically:

- a) Investigation of stable funding for resources.
- b) Collaboration with publishers on data exchange, and improved relationship with journals/publishers.

(2) Funding

The society has made initial contact with the COST framework with a view to improving the coordination of biocuration within Europe. Initial responses indicate that this may not be the most suitable call to pursue for this purpose. We continue to investigate funding calls appropriate to our mission statements.

(3) Biocuration 2013 plans.

The contract has been signed and deposit paid for the venue for Biocuration 2013. Details will be announced at the Biocuration 2012 meeting in Washington. The 2013 meeting organisers will carry out a survey after the 2012 meeting to gather opinion on what members would like to see at the next conference. Please be sure to complete this survey after Biocuration 2012 as it really helps to have this feedback from the meeting attendees.