



# Annual General Meeting

**Nicole Vasilevsky and the ISB Executive Committee**  
Biocuration Virtual Conference 2022  
04 October 2022

# Logistics

## **Code of Conduct:**

<https://www.biocuration.org/equity-diversity-and-inclusion-committee/code-of-conduct/>

**The presentation will be recorded and publicly shared on our YouTube channel**





# ISB Executive Committee 2021-2022

**Nicole Vasilevsky, USA**  
Chair



**Robin Haw, Canada**  
Treasurer



**Federica Quaglia, Italy**



**Mary Ann Tuli, UK**



**Randi Vita, USA**



**Ruth Lovering, UK**  
Secretary



**Sushma Naithani, USA**



**Rama Balakrishnan, US**



**Parul Gupta, USA**



# The new ISB EC 2022-2023 winners will be announced next week

## *Thanks for running:*

- Ruth Lovering
- Stephen Piccolo
- Marc Gillespie
- Raul Rodriguez-Esteban
- Tarcisio Mendes de Farias
- Susan Bello

# ISB Award Winners



**Shirin Saverimuttu**  
SciBite Limited, Wellcome Genome  
Campus Hinxton, Cambridge, UK

**Excellence in Biocuration  
Early Career Award**



**Antonia Lock**  
European Bioinformatics Institute,  
Hinxton, Cambridge, UK

**Excellence in Biocuration  
Advanced Career Award**

# Highlights from the ISB 2021-2022

# Overview of the ISB EC



**Promote the work of biocurators**



**Promote communication**



**Foster connections**



**Encourage best practices**

# ISB Financial Report

**197** Current ISB members

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## 2021 Finances

### Income

Membership fee CHF 1,828

### Expenditure

ISB Sponsorship CHF 4,806

Administration CHF 2,812

Taxes CHF 306

Total CHF 7,925

Balance CHF 115,776

(2020 CHF 121,874)



# What do we offer

## Awards, Fellowships, Funding

- ❖ ISB Awards
- ❖ Travel fellowships
- ❖ Microgrants
- ❖ Exchange Fellowships
- ❖ 20% Discount for publications in Database Journal

## Communication & Outreach

- ❖ Quarterly newsletter
- ❖ Email list
- ❖ Twitter
- ❖ Training opportunities
- ❖ Job openings

# IT updates

## Membership renewal



**Parul Gupta,**  
Membership Officer

- Reminders now sent
  - 1 week before expires
  - After expiry
- Expired Members information deleted after 3 years
- Promotion of ISB distribution list

## Improved Webpage



**Federica Quaglia**



WELCOME TO THE ISB!

The **ISB** is a non-profit organization for biocurators, developers, and researchers with an interest in biocuration. The society promotes the field of biocuration and provides a forum for information exchange through meeting and workshops.

SEARCH ON THE SITE

Search...

## Articles of Association



**Robin Haw**

Approved after voting by members and EGM

# Outreach & Training updates

## Biocuration Training materials

### BIOCURATION TRAINING MATERIALS

We are continuously collecting training materials related to biocuration. We encourage you to use and share the resources listed below, to access materials.

*This page is regularly updated as we become aware of other training opportunities in biocuration and other topics useful to biocurators.*

*Last update: 05 September 2022*

- Biocuration training materials
- Databases training materials, tutorials and courses
- Data management and FAIR training materials
- Ontology development training materials
- Programming training materials
- Bibliometrics training materials

<https://www.biocuration.org/dissemination/biocuration-training-materials/>

## Outreach

- Newsletter with updates
- LinkedIn group
- Twitter account
- Publications (e.g. ISB2021 conference report)



**Int Soc Biocuration**  
@biocurator

International Society for Biocuration, a non-profit organisation for biocurators, developers, and researchers with an interest in #biocuration & #bioinformatics

[biocuration.org](https://biocuration.org) Joined May 2013

179 Following 1,254 Followers

JOURNAL ARTICLE

### Conference report: Biocuration 2021 Virtual Conference

Federica Quaglia, Rama Balakrishnan, Susan M Bello, Nicole Vasilevsky

Database, Volume 2022, 2022, baac027, <https://doi.org/10.1093/database/baac027>

Published: 09 April 2022 [Article history](#)

## ISB training on curation

- E-learning course with 4 core modules:
  - Introduction to Biocuration
  - Manually curated resources - use cases
  - Ontologies
  - Careers in biocuration in academia and industry
- With the collaboration of ELIXIR (<https://elixir-europe.org/>)

# ISB EC work in the past year

## Outreach and Training



**Federica Quaglia,**  
Chair

- Sushma Naithani (Outreach officer)
- Randi Vita
- Mary Ann Tuli
- Robin Haw

## IT infrastructure



**Ruth Lovering,**  
Chair

- Rama Balakrishnan
- Federica Quaglia
- Robin Haw

## Awards



**Parul Gupta,**  
Chair

- Rama Balakrishnan
- Ruth Lovering

## Fellowships and Grants



**Randi Vita,**  
Chair

- Parul Gupta
- Sushma Naithani

# Community Opportunities

## EDI Subcommittee

- Sushma Naithani
- Mary Ann Tuli
- Yvonne Bradford
- Rachael Huntley
- Tiago Lubiana
- Nicole Vasilevsky
- Roxanne Yamashita

All are welcome to join the monthly virtual meetings

### *Highlights*

- Mary Ann Tuli hosted an EDI workshop at the UK local Biocuration conference in May
- To ensure that the society meets the EDI policies we support, we collect (optional) demographic information from our members and conference attendees, and have been actively recruiting members from under-represented groups
- To ensure EDI policies are easily accessible, we are working on creating a single document which will include the existing Code of Ethics and the Professional Conduct & Disciplinary Procedure pages
- We have invited an external HR expert to advise on policy

# Community Opportunities

## Elections Subcommittee



**Sabrina Toro,**  
Election Officer

- Cristina Casals
- Caio Carvalho
- Pratibha Gour
- Pankaj Jaiswal

## Conference coordination



**Federica Quaglia,**  
Chair

### 2022 Virtual Conference Committee

- Charles Tapley Hoyt
- Nicholas Miliaras
- Sushma Naithani
- Rama Balakrishnan
- Philippe Le Mercier

### 2023 Conference Organizing Committee

- Federica Quaglia, National Research Council
- Ruth Lovering (Co-chair)
- Charles Tapley Hoyt (Co-chair)
- Caio Carvalho
- Philippe Le Mercier
- Tiago Lubiana
- Monica Munoz-Torres
- Paola Roncaglia
- Deepak Unni

**Conferences and  
Workshops  
2021-2022**

# 2022 UK-local Conference

EMBL-EBI, UK



## Organising Committee

**Co-chair:** Yasmin Alam-Faruque

**Co-chair:** Rachael Huntley

Ruth Lovering

Sandra Orchard

Arzu Ozturk Colak

Pablo Porras Millan

Mary-Ann Tuli

<https://www.biocuration.org/1st-local-uk-biocuration-conference-may-2022/>



# 2022 Virtual conference



## Organizing Committee

**Chair:** Federica Quaglia  
Charles Tapley Hoyt  
Nicholas Miliaras  
Sushma Naithani  
Rama Balakrishnan  
Philippe Le Mercier

<https://www.biocuration.org/15th-annual-biocuration-conference-virtual/>

# Biocuration Careers Workshop

## Highlights

**Goal:** determine ways the ISB can assist Biocurators in our community with career progression

**Topics discussed:**

- Heterogenous job titles, should these be standardized?
- How can we get better credit and attribution for our work?

**Future work/discussions:**

- Write up paper or blog on our discussion
- Future workshops on careers in biocuration
  - Careers in biocuration
  - Review CV's and/or biosketches
  - Discuss careers in industry or transitions there to?

Slides: <https://bit.ly/3UnQl1g>

Follow up Survey: <https://bit.ly/3dBQ4MT>

**Upcoming Conferences  
and Workshops  
2023-2024**

# 2023 Conference

## Organizing committee

- Caio Carvalho
- Philippe Le Mercier
- Tiago Lubiana
- Monica Munoz-Torres
- Paola Roncaglia
- Deepak Unni

## Scientific program committee

- **Frederique Lisacek** (Chair)
- **Luana Licata** (Co-chair)
- Michael Baudis
- Marc Gillespie
- Jennifer Harrow
- Varsha Khodiyar
- Deepti Kundu
- Nicholas Miliaras
- Livia Perfetto
- Sabrina Toro
- Peter Uetz

## Padova, Italy



**Chair:** Federica Quaglia

**Co-chair:** Charlie Tapley Hoyt

**Co-chair:** Ruth Lovering

<https://www.biocuration.org/16th-annual-biocuration-conference/>

<https://biocuration.github.io/isb2023/>

# 2024 Conference

**New Delhi, India**



**Chair:** Saurabh Raghuvanshi



What do you hope to see  
the ISB EC accomplish in  
the upcoming year?

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