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What is bioinformatics?

- The science of storing, retrieving and analysing large amounts of biological information
- An interdisciplinary science, involving biologists, computer scientists and mathematicians
- At the heart of modern biology



Biology is changing

- Data explosion and new types of data
- High-throughput biology
- Emphasis on systems, not reductionism
- Growth of applied biology – molecular medicine, agriculture, food, environmental sciences...









What is EMBL-EBI?

Based on the Wellcome Trust Genome Campus near Cambridge, UK

Part of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory

Non-profit organisation





The five branches of EMBL

- EMBL is a basic research institute funded by public research monies from 20 member states.
- 1400 staff, over 60 nationalities.



Basic research in molecular biology Administration EMBO

Hamburg



Structural biology



Structural biology



Bioinformatics



Mouse biology



EMBL-EBI's mission

- To provide freely available data and bioinformatics services to all facets of the scientific community in ways that promote scientific progress
- To contribute to the advancement of biology through basic investigator-driven research in bioinformatics
- To provide advanced bioinformatics training to scientists at all levels, from PhD students to independent investigators
- To help disseminate cutting-edge technologies to industry



The Wellcome Trust Genome Campus



Thanks to Don Powell, Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute, for providing this image.



EMBL-EBI funding

Sources of funding for the year as of November 2008. The Wellcome Trust also supports us through provision of our buildings.





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- The preparatory phase of ELIXIR, an EU-funded project to agree upon the future bioinformatics infrastructure for Europe, began on 1 November 2007
- **Anyone** involved with bioinformatics in Europe is a stakeholder in this process
- Outcome the resulting memorandum of understanding among EU member states will pave the way towards a more <u>stable</u> footing for Europe's core data resources in the future
- Next stakeholder meeting will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark on 19–20 May 2009

See www.elixir-europe.org/ to register







Key facts about services

- European node for globally coordinated data collection and dissemination projects
- Core databases produced in collaboration with other world leaders, including NCBI (US), National Institute of Genetics (Japan), Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (US)
- The world's most comprehensive collection of molecular databases



Principles of service provision

- Accessibility all data and tools freely available without restriction
- Compatibility we develop and promote the use of standards in bioinformatics
- Comprehensive data sets agreements with other data providers ensure that our resources contain comprehensive and up-to-date data; agreements with publishers ensure that published data are placed in a public repository at the earliest opportunity
- Portability data and software can be downloaded and installed locally
- Quality Our databases are enhanced through annotation and cross-referencing







Database collaborations





Standards development – international collaborations





EBI website and search engine EB-eye





Genomes 1: Ensembl





Genomes 2: Ensembl Genomes





Nucleotides: EMBL-Bank





Transcriptomes: ArrayExpress





Protein sequence: UniProt





Protein families, motifs and domains: InterPro

Powerful tool for protein classification, integrating several methods into one resource























Pathways: Reactome





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User support

- 2Can bioinformatics user support <u>www.ebi.ac.uk/2Can</u>
- Online help pages <u>www.ebi.ac.uk/help</u>
- E-mail support <u>www.ebi.ac.uk/support</u>









Key facts about research

- The EBI provides a unique environment for bioinformatics research
- Eight dedicated research groups aim to understand biology through new approaches to interpreting biological data
- Services teams also carry out R&D to enhance existing services and develop new ones
- Research programme complements services and the two are mutually supportive



Research groups









Predoc and postdoc training



- Annual Open Days for bioinformatics masters' students
- PhD studentships through EMBL International PhD Programme
- Short-term placements for visiting PhD students though EU-funded Marie Curie Fellowships



A tripartite user-training programme





Hands-on training for all levels of experience

- Interactive training in our purpose-built IT training suite at EMBL-EBI, Hinxton, Cambridge
- Learn from the EBI's experts through a combination of talks and practical exercises
- Take a tour of all our core data resources, or focus in on specific data types
- Full programme at www.ebi.ac.uk/training/handson





http://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/handson/

Hands-on training at EBI

Interactions, Pathways & Networks

Title: Interactions, Pathways & Networks Date: 15th-18th Jun 2009 Venue: Genome Campus, Hinxton, Cambridge, UK Registration Deadline: 18th May 2009



Genomics, proteomics, transcriptomics, protein structures...



more info...





Moodle-based eLearning platform





Each course is modular

A course contains 3–5 modules (~30 min each) Each module contains...



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Video tutorial





The EBI Industry Programme

- Enables industry to adapt quickly to, and maximise the benefit from, innovations in bioinformatics.
- Membership benefits include:
 - Research of benefit to industry
 - Expert training
 - Standards development
 - Technical development
 - Networking opportunities
- Membership is by invitation and members subscribe on an annual basis



Industry Programme members

- AstraZeneca
- Bayer Schering Pharma AG
- Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG
- Eli Lilly & Company
- Galderma
- GlaxoSmithKline
- F. Hoffman-La Roche
- Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development
- Merck KGaA
- Nestlé Research Centre
- Orion Pharma
- Philips Research
- Pfizer Ltd
- Syngenta Limited
- Sanofi-Aventis Recherche & Développement
- Unilever



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SLING – Serving life science information in the next generation

- Providing unrestricted access to some of the world's most important biological databases
- Bioinformatics roadshows provide hands-on training for users
- Funded by the European Commission within its FP7 Programme within the Research Infrastructure Programme
- 4 partners in 4 countries





ELIXIR – European life sciences infrastructure for biological information

To build a sustainable European infrastructure for biological information supporting life science research and its translation to:

- medicine,
- the environment,
- the bioindustries, and
- society

32 participants in 13 countries





ENFIN Network of Excellence

- Brings together experimentalists and computational biologists to develop the next generation of informatics resources for systems biology
- Funded by the European Commission within its FP6 programme under the thematic area 'Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health'
- 20 partners in 13 countries
- www.enfin.org





EMBRACE Network of Excellence

- Aims to enable bioinformatics research through better interoperability of servers, databases and services
- Funded by the European Commission within its FP6 programme under the thematic area 'Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health'
- 17 partners in 11 countries
- www.embracegrid.info





BioSapiens Network of Excellence

- A large-scale, concerted effort to annotate genome data through a virtual institute for genome annotation and a European School of Bioinformatics
- Funded by the European Commission within its FP6 programme under the thematic area 'Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health'
- 24 partners in 14 countries
- www.biosapiens.info























