

Institute of Biostatistics and analyses: history and activities



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History Structure Collaboration

Since 2001

- group of scientists interested in analysis of biological and clinical data
- Centre of Biostatistics and analyses
- **2006**
 - Institute of Biostatistics and Analyses
 - + 45 employees and PhD students
 - 40 students in pregraduate study of Computational Biology

2007

 Integration into Research Centre for Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology





Institute of Biostatatistic and Analyses: Internal Structure

Nowadays IBA has the following \checkmark structure:



Institute of Biostatatistic and Analyses: Collaboration

Close mutual collaboration

- Faculty of Medicine (MU in Brno)
- Faculty of Informatics (MU in Brno)
- Faculty of Science (MU in Brno)
- Research Centre for Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology (MU in Brno)
- Department of Mathematics (MU in Brno)
- Czech Environmental Information Agency
- National and Regional Centre for Persistent Organic Pollutants in Middle and East Europe
- Masaryk Memorial Hospital
- Czech Statistical Office
- Czech National Cancer Registry
- Committee for Breast Cancer Screening (Ministry of Health)
- Czech Oncology Society

Standard professional collaboration



More than 100 independent health care providers and hospitals, research institutions, environmental agencies, ministries etc.



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Institute of Biostatatistic and Analyses: Areas of interests

There are five main areas of interest





Educational activities

Basic and advanced courses of data analysis Computational Biology Conferences Background of educational and scientific activities

Basic and advanced courses of data analysis

- 18 courses for Faculty of Medicine and Faculty of Science
- Both undergraduate and postgraduate courses with 450 students per year
 - Analysis of biological and clinical data
 - Biostatistics
 - Stochastic modelling
 - Multivariate data analysis
 - Experimental design
 - Data mining
 - **Etc**.
 - Clinical trials



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- Design and analyses of clinical trials
- Data management in clinical trials
- Courses of visiting professors: International collaboration in teaching

Computational biology

Computational biology is newly (since 2001) established study programme at Masaryk University with high potential in almost all biological and clinical disciplines

The concept of the computational biology is:

- intrinsically inter-disciplinary
- closely related to standard biological and clinical disciplines and their modern trends (bioinformatics, processing of large scale data from genomics to ecological biomonitoring, risk assessment, predictive modeling...).
- We define computational biology in a broad sense as umbrella branch for all standard biological and clinical disciplines with three main branches:



Analysis of biological and clinical data

Applied analysis of data or development of new methods



Environmental informatics

Environmental information systems, biomonitoring etc.

Informatics in medical sciences

Informatics in clinical trials, information systems for clinical data, clinical registry



Conferences

- IBA organizes several international scientific meeting and conferences
 - → 2005
 - Summer School of Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology 2005: tutorial of environmental risk assessment
 - Enviroinfo 2005 Informatics for environmental protection
 - Summer School on Computational Biology
 - → 2006
 - Summer School of Environmental Chemistry and Ecotoxicology 2006: tutorial of environmental risk assessment
 - Summer School on Computational Biology: Predictive modelling and ICT in Environmental Research – September 11-13
 - → 2007
 - TIES: Conference of International Environmetrics Society
 - Summer School on Computational Biology: Processing and Analysis of Biodiversity Data: from Genomic Diversity to Ecosystem Structure – August 13-15



Background of educational and scientific activities

Library

- Books and journals covering almost all areas of data analysis in biology and medicine
- Free access to many databases

Software equipment

- Statistica
- SPSS + Clementine
- → SAS
- → R
- Matlab
- Maple
- ArcGIS
- Modern classroom







Important projects in environmental, biological and epidemiology research

Environmental research Epidemiology Various biological research

TRITON project

- Project with Agricultural Water Management Authority
- Software and statistical methodology of data analysis in biomonitoring networks
 - Visualisation of data
 - Statistical analysis of time trends, biodiversity etc.



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ARROW project

- Part of implementation of Water Framework Directive EU in the Czech Republic
- IBA tasks
 - Development of methodology and scientific research in analysis, typology and prediction of ecological state of localities
 - Software implementation of analytical methodology







INCHEMBIOL project

- INTERACTIONS AMONG THE CHEMICALS, ENVIRONMENT AND BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES O N THE GLOBAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL SCALES
- Long term projects (7 years) including
 - Experimental work
 - Data analysis
 - Modelling of POPs distribution and transport
 - Dose-response analysis
 - Biodiversity analysis
 - Analysis of data of biomonitoring networks
 - Environmental risk assessment
 - GIS





INCHEMBIOL: Evironmental risk assessment



SVOD project: description

- SVOD = EXPERT SYSTEM FOR ANALYSIS AND PRESENTATION OF EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA IN ONCOLOGY
- Data of National Cancer Institute: population database of cancer epidemiology since 1970
- Data includes incidence and mortality rates, time profiles, distribution of clinical stages, regional heterogeneity and more...







SVOD project: aims

Project aims

- Scientific research of epidemiology data
 - General epidemiological and socio-economical analyses.
 - Load of population by malignant tumours, population risks.
 - Analysis of health care heterogeneity
 - Approximate evaluation of the health care effectiveness according to therapeutic results.

Software development

- Desktop software
- Web visualization of epidemiology data – public access

http://www.svod.cz/



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INFORMATION AND ANALYTIC SEVICES OF THE SYSTEM SVOD



Microarrays and analysis of their data

- Promising technique of molecular biology, nevertheless with lots of problems on the field of data analysis
- Analysis of expression and CGH microarrays data
- Project in cooperation with Masaryk Memorial Hospital
 - Genomic profiling in prediction of response of radiochemotherapeutic treatment in colorectal carcinoma



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