2010 Annual General Meeting – E&T-PC activities report

(November 2009 – June 2010)
Chair: Matej Stano
Treasurer: Jingchu Luo
Member: Shahid Chohan
Member: Sophia Kossida

The main mission of E&T PC is to promote training and education in bioinformatics. PC's activities were discussed during three virtual meetings (November 11th, 2009; January 7th, 2010 and April 7th, 2010). As a result, activities of the committee were aimed at publication of Quick Guides. The MySQL (Tables & Queries) Quick Guide was published and is available at EMBnet web portal. This Quick Guide was written by Awais Naseem and Nazim Rahman from Pakistan EMBnet node and reviewed and published by people from Slovak and Chinese node.

Figure 1. Bioinformatics training in Sweden.

2010 Annual General Meeting – Publicity & Public Relations Project Committee Report

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Chair: Pedro Fernandes
Secretary: Lubos Klucar
Member: Domenica D'Elia
Member: Martin Norling

The main mission of the P&PR PC is to nurture and promote EMBnet's visibility and to establish cooperation with other (even dissimilar) major groups, networks and societies.

Starting from November 2009 up to June 2010 the organization of the PC's activities was discussed and agreed during three committee's meetings (March 4th, May 31st and June 18th 2010) and four meetings of the EMBnet.news Editorial Board (February 22th, March 8th, May 26th and June 17th, 2010).

The main issues on which the Committee has worked are the following:
1. supporting the organization of the second edition of the EMBnet-EMBRACE joint workshop on Next Generation Sequencing, held in Ruvo di Puglia (IT) on June 2010 [1];
2. preparation of a P&PR PC's position paper as a basis for structuring themed discussions at the 2010 AGM in Ruvo di Puglia (IT);
3. transition of the EMBnet.news magazine to an Open Access Peer Reviewed journal.

Committee's initiatives proposed to the EMBnet EB and VGM have been:
1. establishment of a Special Interest Group (SIG) to study the input of EMBnet's PCs and generate clear scenarios on the future activities of EMBnet and its societary role (March 2010);
2. re-designing of the EMbnet's web site with a new easy-to-use structure and with more informative content. This work will be lead by the P&PR PC in collaboration with the EB and with the technical support of the TM PC. In addition to TM PC also the P&PR PC will have administrative access to the web portal;
3. "EMBnet Members 2009" geographical distribution published on Google Earth is being updated and a new version will be linked from the new embnet.org pages and regularly updated;
4. managing, updating and publishing Quick Guides will be handed over to the ET-PC at EMBnet AGM 2010.