

Editorial

During the last twenty years, EMBnet has evolved from a collaborative European network into a global organisation, with representatives also from Asia, Africa, Australia and the Americas. Embracing its growing global dimension, EMBnet is now committed to fostering bioinformatics training and to disseminating bioinformatics skills throughout its member countries.

This global activity is reflected in the article describing the "ISCB Africa ASBCB Conference on Bioinformatics," where EMBnet participated actively. The meeting, held in South Africa, was the first time that EMBnet officially sponsored an event of this kind. This conference was an important opportunity to synergise with both the African Society for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (ASBCB) and the International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB).

Next year, EMBnet will be present at events taking place on several different continents: among others, EMBnet will be present at, and will sponsor, the ISCB Latin America 2012 "Conference on Bioinformatics" in Santiago de Chile (17-21 March, 2012), and the "International Workshops on Bioinformatics – 2012", to be held 16-27 January, 2012 in the Center for Genomic Sciences facilities in Cuernavaca Morelos, México. These events will be fully covered in reports in forthcoming issues of EMBnet.journal.



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