

Editorial

The key task of COST Action BM1006, SeqAhead, *Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) Data Analysis Network*, was, as its name suggests, networking; but SeqAhead also emphasised the dissemination of knowledge. During the four years of the Action, SeqAhead surpassed every expectation: with members participating from 29 European countries, plus one international partner from South Africa, the Management Committee membership reads like a “who’s-who” of European NGS research.

This *EMBnet.journal* Conference Supplement clearly shows that during the four years of SeqAhead’s existence, the Action members actively shared software and experiences, and collaborated in numerous projects spanning diverse topics – from those at the biological end of the spectrum to those at the informatics end.

SeqAhead was acknowledged in more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, demonstrating that the Action’s activities benefited a large and wide audience.

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