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## Preliminary Conference Programme

### Wednesday, September 17, 2008

09:00 - 17:30 [Tutorial on Grid Computing](#)

09:00 - 18:00 EMBnet Annual General Meeting

The tutorial is intended for students/conference attendants and will be held in parallel with the EMBnet AGM at the conference site.

### Thursday, September 18, 2008

10:00-18:00 **Registration**

	<b>Presentations</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
10.00-11.30	<b>Opening Cerimony</b>	
	<b>EMBnet 20th Anniversary Celebration</b>	<i>Domenica D'Elia</i>
	Opening remarks: EMBnet yesterday, today, tomorrow	<i>Erik Bongcam-Rudloff</i>
		<i>Cecilia Saccone</i>
		<i>Chris Sander</i>
11:30-12.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
	<b>SESSION 1: BIOINFORMATICS FOR BIODIVERSITY</b>	
	Chairperson:	
	<b>Keynote lecture</b>	
12:30-13:00	Biodiversity Informatics: Enabling a Macroscopic View of Biology	<i>Indra Neil Sarkar</i> <i>MBL, Massachusetts (USA)</i>
13:00-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30-15:00	<b>Keynote lecture</b>	<i>Mehrdad Hajibabaei</i> <i>Canadian Centre for DNA</i>

The Barcode of Life: Bringing Genomics to  
Biodiversity

*Barcoding*  
*University of Guelph (CA)*

15:00-15:20 Towards barcode markers in Fungi: an intron map  
of Ascomycota mitochondria *Monica Santamaria, ITB - CNR*  
*(IT)*

15:20-15:40 Gains and losses of lineage-specific group II intron  
in mitochondria of Gymnosperms: Molecular evolutionary  
And Phylogenetic Implications *Regina Teresa M.R.*  
*Università della Calabria (IT)*

15:40- 16:10 **Coffee Break**

## SESSION 2: TRAINING AND E-LEARNING

Chairperson:

### Keynote lecture

16:10-16:40 Policies, Network, Resources, Materials and  
Curricula for advancing bioinformatics education:  
10 years of APBioNet *Tin WeeTan*  
*YLL School of Medicine*  
*National University of*  
*Singapore (SG)*

16:40-17:00 Metagenome annotation: an opportunity for  
undergraduate bioinformatics teaching *Hingamp Pascal*  
*Mediterranean University (FR)*

17:00–17:20 Grid-based business-to-academia collaborations  
*Kamuzinzi Richard*  
*Université Libre de Bruxelles*  
*(BE)*

17:20-17:40 Sprints at genesilico - software engineering  
techniques in a bioinformatics lab *Rother Kristian*  
*Int. Inst. of Mol.Cell Biol. (PL)*

17:40-18:10 Towards semantic interoperability of  
bioinformatics tools and biological databases  
*Pettifer Steve*  
*Manchester University(UK)*

18:10-18:30 **Sponsor talk**  
*Patrice Duroux*  
*IMGT®, Institut de Génétique*  
*Humaine,*  
*CNRS (FR)*  
IMGT®, an ontology and a system that bridge the  
gap between sequences and 3D structures

18:30-20:30 **POSTER SESSION**

20:30 **Welcome Party**

**Friday, September 19, 2008**

**SESSION 3: 'OMICS', COMPARATIVE  
STUDIES AND EVOLUTION**

Chairperson:

09:30-10:10	<b>Keynote lecture</b>  Evolution of gene regulatory code	<i>Alexander E. Kel</i> <i>BIOBASE GmbH (DE)</i>
10:10-10:30	A greater diversity of riboswitches identified through the presence of alternative structures and other constraints	<i>Naville Magali</i> <i>Université Paris-Sud (FR)</i>
10:30-10:50	IMGT/LIGMOTIF: a tool for immunoglobulin and T cell receptor gene identification and description in large genomic sequences	<i>Lane Jérôme</i> <i>Université Montpellier 2 (FR)</i>
10:50-11:20	<b>Coffee break /POSTER SESSION</b>	
11:20-11:40	Functional assessment of time course microarray data	<i>Ana Conesa</i> <i>Centro de Investigación</i> <i>Principe Felipe (ES)</i>
11:40-12:00	CHIPSTER – user friendly analysis software for dna microarray data	<i>Kallio Aleks, CSC (FI)</i>
12:00-12:20	Characterization and analysis of the expression pattern of microRNAs in the grapevine <i>Vitis vinifera</i>	<i>Piccolo Viviana, University of</i> <i>Milan (IT)</i>
12:20-12:40	Improving the prediction of protein behaviour in hydrophobic interaction chromatography and aqueous two-phase systems with clustering methods	<i>Ugarte Jorge E.</i> <i>University of Chile (CL)</i>
12:40-13:00	Contact coordination patterns and electrostatic potential at alpha carbon atoms: a dossier of protein secondary structure elements	<i>Borro Luiz</i> <i>Embrapa Informatica</i> <i>Agropecuaria (BR)</i>
13:00-14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30-15:10		<i>Chris Sander</i>

**Keynote lecture**

Systems biology of cancer pathways

*Memorial Sloan-Kettering  
Cancer Center  
New York (USA)*

- 15:10-15:30 Deciphering the connectivity structure of biological networks using MIXNET *Miele Vincent, CNRS, Lyon (FR)*
- 15:30-15:50 Automatic inferring drug gene regulatory networks using computational intelligences tools *Floares Alexandru, SAIA (RO)*
- 15:50-16:10 Possible role for proximity of genes in their expression in rice and Arabidopsis *Shahmuradov Ilham A., COMSATS (PK) Institute of Botany(AZ)*
- 16:10-16:40 **Coffee break /POSTER SESSION**
- 16:40-17:00 A chemogenomics view of protein-ligand spaces *Helena Strömbergsson Uppsala University (SE)*
- 17:00-17:20 In silico prediction of escape mutants of the HIV-1 protease *Agramonte Alina University of Informatic Sciences (CU)*
- 17:20-17:40 The RHNUMTS compilation *Attimonelli Marcella University of Bari (IT)*
- 17:40-18:00 Homologous gene families databases for comparative genomics *Perriere Guy, University of Lyon (FR)*
- 18:00-18:30 **Keynote lecture**  
Data Challenges in the Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG) *Vincent Breton CNRS-IN2P3 Université Blaise Pascal (FR)*
- 18:30-18:40 The EMBRACE project *Gisel Andreas, ITB-CNR (IT)*
- 18:40 – 20.00 **POSTER SESSION**
- 21:00 **Gala Dinner**

**Saturday, September 20, 2008**

**SESSION 4: ADVANCED BIOINFORMATICS**

## TECHNOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS

Chairperson:

### Keynote lecture

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| 09:00-09:30   | Data Challenges in the Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG)                                       | <i>Jamie Shiers</i><br><i>CERN Grid Deployment Group,<br/>IT Department, Geneva, Swiss</i>                            |
| 09:30-09:50   | Massive non natural proteins structure prediction using Grid technologies                        | <i>Polticelli Fabio</i><br><i>University Roma Tre (IT)</i>  |
| 09:50-10:10   | The Genius Grid portal and the robot certificates: a new tool for e-science                      | <i>Giuseppe La Rocca</i><br><i>INFN, Catania (IT)</i>   |
| 10:10- 10:30  | GPU accelerated RNA-RNA interaction algorithm  | <i>Rizk Guillaume</i><br><i>IRISA-Symbiose (FR)</i>   |
| 10:30 -11:00  | <b>Coffee break /POSTER SESSION</b>  |   |
| 11:00-11:20   | The interpretation of protein structures based on graph theory                                   | <i>Habibi Mahnaz</i><br><i>Shahid Beheshti University,<br/>Tehran, Iran</i>   |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | ENGINEDB: A repository of functional analogues   | <i>De Sario Giulia</i><br><i>ITB, CNR, Bari (IT)</i>  |
| 11:40 – 12:00 | GOMIR: A stand alone application for human microRNA target analysis and gene ontology clustering | <i>Roubelakis Maria</i><br><i>Academy of Athens, BResearch<br/>Foundation, Athens (GR)</i>                            |
| 12:00 – 12:20 | When data integration leads to a new concept: The orphan enzymes                                 | <i>Lespinet Olivier</i><br><i>Institut de Génétique et<br/>Microbiologie, Université<br/>Paris-Sud 11, Orsay (FR)</i> |
| 12:20 - 12:40 | Integrating ERV sequence and structural features with DAS and EBIOX                              | <i>Martínez Barrio Álvaro</i><br><i>The Linnaeus Centre for<br/>Bioinformatics, Uppsala<br/>University (SE)</i>       |
| 12:40 - 13:10 | <b>Sponsor talk (SGI)</b>  | <i>Silicon Graphics S.p.A.</i>  |
| 13:10 - 14:10 | <b>Lunch</b>   |   |

- 14:10 - 14:30 Computational annotation of UTR cis-regulatory modules through frequent pattern mining *Turi Antonio*  
*Department of Computer Science, University of Bari (IT)*
- 14:30 - 14:50 A bioinformatics knowledge discovery application for Grid computing *Marcello Castellano*  
*Politecnico di Bari (IT)*
- 14:50 - 15:00 **Concluding remarks**