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### News

- The 2016 EMBnet AGM preliminary programme is now available and registration is open at: [www.embnet.org/agm/2016/](http://www.embnet.org/agm/2016/)

### Up-coming courses

- **European Course: Comparative Genomics**, 17-28 Oct 2016, ENS Lyon (FR)
- **GTPB, Oeiras (PT):**
  - Quantitative Proteomics using Bioinformatics (**QPB16**), 17-19 Oct. **Registration deadline: 24 Sep.**
  - Analysis of Adaptive Immune Receptor Repertoires (**AAIRR16**), 2-4 Nov. **Registration deadline: 12 Oct.**
- Applied Evolutionary Theory (**AET16**), 7-11 Nov. **Registration deadline: 25 Oct.**
- **DEANN, INACH & UMAG course:** Introduction to Bioinformatics: 3-8 Oct. 2016, Punta Arenas (CL)

### Jobs

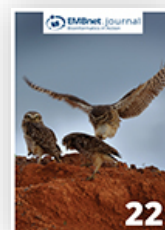
- **PostDoc position at Novo Nordisk** for IMI-RHAPSODY project, Maløv (DK). **Application deadline: 2 Oct 2016**
- **PhD Studentship in Network Inference & Systems Biology** at Stockholm Bioinformatics Centre (SE). **Application deadline: 22 Feb 2017**
- **Postdoc position in Cancer Computational Biology** at Institut Gustave Roussy, Villejuif (FR) **Application deadline: 31 Oct 2016**

### Events

- **GOBLET/ELIXIR-IIB: Train-the-Trainer tutorial**, ELIXIR/EXCELERATE TtT 3<sup>rd</sup> pilot course, 24 Oct 2016, Rome (IT). **Early-bird registration deadline: 26 Sep**
- **ELIXIR hackathon**, 25 Oct 2016, Rome (IT)
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting on RNA: from basic research to industrial applications**, 11 Oct 2016, University of Copenhagen (DK). **Registration deadline: 30 Sep**
- **Workshop: Statistical Methods for Post-Genomic Data (SMPGD2017)**, 12-13 Jan 2017, Imperial College London (UK). **Submission deadline: 25 Nov 2016** **Registration deadline: 16 Dec 2016**
- **International Workshop on Hybrid Systems Biology**, 20-21 Oct 2016, Grenoble (FR). **Early-bird registration: 25 Sep**

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## 'Train-the-Trainer' events ELIXIR-IIB Training Programme: an inspiring experience

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*"The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."* — William Arthur Ward.



Curiosity and inspiration, an explosive mix of human feelings that can push the world forward. This is what happened to me in June when, for the first time, I attended a bioinformatics 'Train-the-Trainer' (TtT) workshop. It was organised by the [ELIXIR-IIB Training Programme](#) as a half-day satellite event of the [13th Annual Meeting](#) of the Bioinformatics Italian Society in Salerno (IT).

Strongly inspired by Active Learning principles, the workshop was on *"Effective academic teaching: learning principles & didactic strategies that will transform your way of delivering bioinformatics courses"*; the trainers were [Allegra Via](#), ELIXIR-IIB Training Coordinator (TrC) and [Vincenza Colonna](#), ELIXIR-IIB Deputy TrC. Pedro Fernandes, ELIXIR-PT TrC and Head of the EMBnet SIG for E&T, closed the workshop with an invited talk on *"Current needs in Europe for bioinformatics professionals"*.

In my long experience as a biologist and a researcher, I have had many opportunities to teach. I love to teach because teaching is an important experience for personal and professional growth, and I thought I was a good

teacher; but curiosity to understand what the TtT programme comprises, and what new teaching concepts and techniques it reveals, made me anticipate my travel to Salerno with excitement: I wanted to know and learn! My experience can be summarised in a few important words: surprise, fascination and inspiration. So great was the enthusiasm of the trainers, and so professional their training ability, that even the most skeptical attendants were captivated. Most importantly, I was so involved and convinced of its importance that I have embraced it as a personal mission.

Allegra, Vincenza and I now work together to disseminate the ELIXIR-IIB training programme – which includes ELIXIR [TtT workshops](#) in collaboration with GOBLET – across the world. I hope my experience can also stimulate your curiosity – we'd be happy to have you on board!

**Contacts:** [ELIXIR IIB website](#)  
**Upcoming event:** [GOBLET/ELIXIR-IIB "TtT" Tutorial, 24 October 2016, Rome \(IT\)](#)

