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## News

- **EMBnet is back on [Facebook](#)** and will gladly share news, updates, events, activities, courses and job opportunities communicated by you, EMBnet members, but also by new individuals wishing to [take part to EMBnet!](#) You are very welcome to contact us via the Facebook page, via your local EMBnet member organisation, or via the EMBnet's official [contact page](#).
- **The new Executive Board (EB) members** were elected during the 2015 AGM in Oeiras. The new roles were agreed as follows:
  - **Chair:** Erik Bongcam-Rudloff
  - **Secretary:** Domenica D'Elia
  - **Treasurer:** Emiliano Barreto
  - **Member:** Lubos Klucar

## Up-coming courses

- **Several incoming courses from [GTPB](#), Oeiras (PT):**
  - **Proteomics Data Analysis ([PDA15](#))**, 7-10 Sept. 2015. **Apply before:** 31 July
  - **Bioinformatics using Python for Biomedical Researchers ([BPBR15](#))**, 20-24 July 2015. **Apply before:** 7 July
  - **Advanced Biostatistics for Biologists (using R) ([ABSTAT15](#))**, 13-17 July 2015. **Apply before:** 10 July

## Events

- **Update from [NETTAB & IB 2015](#)**, 12-16 October 2015, Bari (IT):
  - **Deadline for oral presentation and abstract submission:** 7 July 2015
  - **[2-day Hands-on Tutorial](#)** programme now available!
  - The best conference presentations will be published in a BMC Bioinformatics Supplement

## Job opportunities

- **Postdoc position in Bioinformatics** at the [CeMM](#) Research Center for Molecular Medicine, Austria Academy of Sciences, Vienna (AT). **Deadline for application:** 10 July 2015. More information [here](#).
- **Bioinformatician position available at [CUSSB](#)**, Milan (IT). Contact: [Diserio Clelia](#)
- **4-year PhD position in Knowledge Management & Information Retrieval** in the biomedical domain at the National University of Ireland. [More info here](#).

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## EMBnet AGM2015

### A new start

by Teresa K. Attwood

The successful events of the 2015 AGM were hosted by Pedro Fernandes at the [Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciencia](#), Oeiras (PT), 10-12 June. This was one of our most important meetings in recent years because i) having been in post for six years, most members of the Executive Board (EB) were obliged to step down, and ii) the assembled Board ratified a major new initiative to invest strategically in EMBnet's future.

The events included a full-day Operational Board (OB) meeting (10 June), the “*Active Investment Strategy*” workshop (11 June), and finally, the formal business meeting (12 June) – here, of the 25 paid-up members, 19 were present or represented by proxy.

Crucially, during the AGM, three nominations were made, and accepted, for new members to step up to the EB. In consequence, we warmly welcomed a new leadership team: Domenica D’Elia, Lubos Klucar, Emiliano Barreto and Erik Bongcam-Rudloff (whose term will end at the 2016 AGM). Given the scale of this change, it was agreed that Etienne de Villiers and Terri Attwood would remain affiliated with this team as part of an interim ‘extended EB’, to mentor the new



members and help implement and evaluate the success of the investment strategy.

In addition, as they have not functioned optimally in recent years, it was agreed that the Committees would not persist in their current guise; however, their interests will continue to be championed through Special Interest Groups (SIGs) led by Axel Thieffry, George Magklaras and Pedro Fernandes, representing EMBnet's publicity & public relations, technical and education/training needs respectively.

Importantly, the Board also unanimously endorsed the OB's proposals to i) hire an editorial assistant for one year to support the work of [EMBnet journal](#), and ii) make a substantial donation to [GOBLET](#) in order to hire an assistant for two years, tasked with producing educational materials jointly branded and endorsed by GOBLET.

The progress made as a result of these investments will be reported monthly to the extended EB, and evaluated by the full Board at the next AGM. Collectively, these are very exciting steps forward, and we look forward to seeing how the journey develops in the years ahead.

