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Deadline for abstract submission: 30 June

Up-coming courses

- **SIB Course: [First Steps with R in Life Sciences](#)**, 28-29 Jun 2016, University of Bern (CH). **Registration deadline:** 20 Jun
- **[Workshop in Statistical Genetics](#)**, 8-9 Sep 2016, University of the Algarve, Faro (PT). **Application contact:** ccmaratt@ualg.pt
- **EMBL-EBI Training**, Hinxton (UK):
 - **[Metagenomics Bioinformatics](#)**, 18-20 Oct 2016. **Application deadline:** 22 Jul
 - **[Structural Bioinformatics](#)**, 20-23 Sep 2016. **Application deadline:** 24 Jun

Jobs

- **[PhD Fellowship in RNA Bioinformatics](#)**, Center for non-coding RNA in Technology & Health (RTH), University of Copenhagen (DK). **Application deadline:** 5 Jul 2016
- **[PhD Position in Bioimage Informatics](#)** focusing on machine-learning for multi-cell-line drug screening, Mines ParisTech, Paris (FR). **Starting date:** Oct 2016
- **[9 Permanent Engineer/Researcher Positions in Bioinformatics/Biostatistics](#)**, Institute of Cardiometabolism & Nutrition (ICAN), Paris (FR). **Application deadline:** 30 Sep 2016
- **[Software Developer & Bioinformatician](#)**, ImMunoGeneTics information system ([IMGT](#)), Montpellier (FR). **Application deadline:** 1 Nov 2016
- **[Postdoctoral Position in Computational Medicine](#)**, RWTH Aachen, Saez-Rodriguez Group, Aix-La-Chapelle (DE). **Application deadline:** 1 Jul 2016

Events

- **[BioNetVisA 2016 Workshop](#)**: From Biological Network Reconstruction to Data Visualization & Analysis in Molecular Biology & Medicine, 4 Sep 2016, The Hague (NL). **Abstract deadline:** 20 Jun
- **SASB 2016: [7th International Workshop on Static Analysis & Systems Biology](#)**, 7 Sep 2016, Edinburgh (UK). **Abstract deadline:** 30 Jun
- **EMBL Conference: [Transcription & Chromatin](#)**, 27-30 Aug 2016, Heidelberg (DE). **Registration deadlines:** 21 Jul
- **EMBL-Wellcome Genome Campus Conference: [Big Data in Biology & Health](#)**, 25-27 Sep 2016, Heidelberg (DE). **Abstract & registration deadlines:** 7 Jul & 11 Aug
- **[NGS 2016 BeNeLux: Workshop & Conference](#)**, 16-17 Nov 2016, Brussels (BE). **Early bird registration deadline:** 31 Jul
- **[41st FEBS Congress](#)**: Molecular & Systems Biology for a Better Life, 3-8 Sep 2016, Kusadasi (TR). **Early registration:** 20 Jun
- **EMBO Conference: [Chromatin & Epigenetics](#)**, 3-6 May 2017, Heidelberg (DE). **Registration will open shortly.**

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Bioinformatics community attracts young professionals

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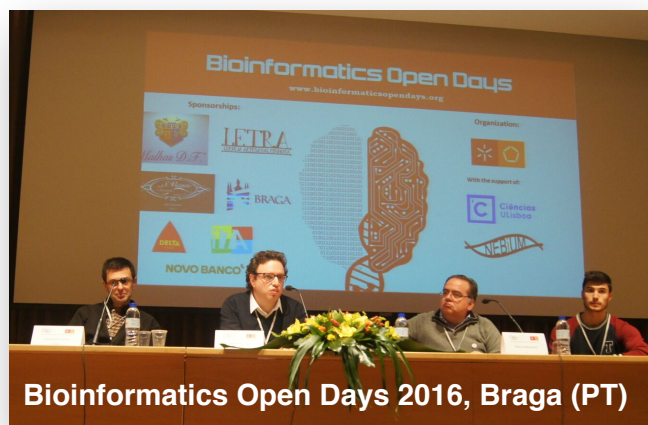
In February 2016, the University of Minho (PT) held its annual bioinformatics event, [Bioinformatics Open Days](http://www.bioinformaticsopendays.org). This student-led meeting uses a lightweight format that brings together bioinformatics students, teachers and professionals.

For students, it provides a window of opportunity to see how their newly acquired knowledge can project outside the school environment, opening their minds to contacts in an unprecedented way, not only to academic perspectives, to continue their studies, but also to the industrial world, where they may seek employment.

For teachers, it is a unique occasion to review their work and strategies for keeping their teaching content up-to-date and in consonance with external demand.

For bioinformatics professionals, it allows networking with like-minded people, promoting the discipline and best practices in its application.

At this event, I again had the chance to show that training is needed in this area, and how it can complement formal education. In this context, I explained what EMBnet provides in terms of links to worldwide bioinformatics communities, and used the opportunity to offer an 'entry package' to students; this resulted in 17 new members.



As a welcome token, these new members will not pay the 2016 membership fee. As part of the package, all were invited to supply links to their LinkedIn profiles, which EMBnet displays in its new student-member page: <http://www.embnet.org/embnet-student-members>.

In this way, students may showcase their profiles to members of our community and beyond, open new possibilities for cooperation, further studies, etc. For EMBnet, the initiative is an innovative way to showcase recently qualified Bioinformatics MSc. students with a keen interest in community interactions and cooperation, and brings with it new blood.

We welcome this new cohort to our activities, and look forward to seeing how it may progress with mutual benefits.

