Building a Bioinformatics Community at NCI

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Bioinformatics expertise within the NCI is increasingly important to research and to the advancement of science. In many cases, however, individuals performing bioinformatics work are isolated within small groups. This effectively creates "information silos" that limit the collaborative nature of scientific research and result in duplication of effort.

We propose the formation of a "NCI Bioinformatics Community" within the NCI Intramural Research Program that can address these concerns and continue to advance cancer research.

Benefits to members would include:

- 1. Increased collaborative opportunities across groups
- 2. Professional development including training and education to gain new skills
- 3. Strengthening the bonds between members of the bioinformatics community
- 4. Providing a forum for addressing concerns and solving problems
- 5. Providing a platform to share the latest bioinformatics-related developments from bioinformatics experts within and outside the NCI

1. What is your name? (optional)
2. What is your email address? (optional)
3. What lab are you in? (PI or lab name) (optional)
4. Which NCI division/center are you in?

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Bioinformatics staff
Clinical staff
○ Lab Chief
○ Lab Manager
○ Lab-based staff
O Post-baccalaureate Fellow
O Postdoctoral Fellow
O Principal Investigator
Research Fellow
○ Staff Clinician
○ Staff Scientist
Other (please specify)
6. Please choose the category/categories that most closely describe your work.
Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning
☐ Bioinformatics and Biostatistical Computing
Clinical Research
Computational Biology

Computational Chemistry
Flow Cytometry
Genomics
☐ Imaging and Microscopy
☐ Immunology
☐ Integrative Systems Biology
☐ Molecular Modeling
Pharmacology
Proteins and Proteomics
Structural Biology
Other (please specify)
7. Please choose the category/categories that most closely describe the areas where you would like to grow your expertise.
Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning
☐ Bioinformatics and Biostatistical Computing
Clinical Research
Computational Biology
Computational Chemistry

Flow Cytometry
Genomics
☐ Imaging and Microscopy
Immunology
☐ Integrative Systems Biology
☐ Molecular Modeling
Pharmacology
Proteins and Proteomics
Structural Biology
Other (please specify)
3. If a NCI Bioinformatics Community were to be established, what would be your primary reason for participating? Choose as many as you like.
Collaborate on projects
Educate yourself about new approaches for data analysis
Looking for peers
National transcription
Networking opportunities
Professional development

Trouble-shooting issues with analysis
Other (please specify)
9. What format of interactions would you prefer? Choose as many as you like.
Lectures
Retreats
Round-table discussions
Workshops
Other (please specify)
10. What would you be willing to contribute to this effort? Choose as many as you like.
Collaborate with colleagues on projects
Organize workshops or lecture series
Participate on sub-committees
Other (please specify)

11. What computational resources do you currently utilize? Choose as many as you like.

Biowulf
DNAnexus
FRCE
NCI Cloud Resources/ Cancer Research Data Commons
☐ NIDAP/ Palantir Foundry
Other (please specify)
12. We would love your opinion on the name for the new "NCI Bioinformatics Community". Please choose or suggest one.
NCI Bioinformatics Alliance
○ NCI Bioinformatics Colab
NCI Bioinformatics Community
NCI Collaborative for Bioinformatics
Other (please specify)

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