FIRST CALL FOR TUTORIALS

The Seventh International Conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology
(ISMB '99)

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Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the community, the educational tutorial program at ISMB has developed into an important component of the conference. As in previous years, the first day of the conference (Aug 6, 1999) will be devoted to tutorials. ISMB'99 tutorials will involve either half-day (3-4 hours) or full-day (6-7) hours of instruction, and will require the advance preparation of high quality, peer reviewed materials for the students.

We are soliciting proposals for introductory or advanced tutorials appropriate to this diverse conference community. Below is a sample of some previous tutorial topics:

- Introduction to Intelligent Systems for Biologists
- Introduction to Biology for Computer Scientists
- Protein Structure Prediction
- Protein Evolution
- Statistical Foundations for Multiple Sequence Alignment
- Computational Methods for Molecular Docking

These are indicative of the type and scope of the proposals that we are soliciting this year. We are also interested in proposals involving recent advances in the field that have not previously been covered by ISMB tutorials.

All tutorial instructors will receive an honorarium and have conference fees waived. In cases where there are multiple instructors, the honorarium will be shared among them.

The organizers reserve the right to cancel tutorials which do not have a reasonable attendance. In such cases, advance warning will be given a partial honorarium may be paid to the instructor(s) depending on the amount of advanced work carried out for the tutorial.

Key Dates:
Abstracts due: January 10, 1999
Full proposals due: February 5, 1999
Reply to proposals: March 26, 1999
Draft handouts due: April 25, 1999
Final handouts due: June 20, 1999

If you are interested in proposing a tutorial, please send a short (approximately one page) indication of your interest, describing the context of the tutorial, its importance to the ISMB audience and your qualifications to teach it. These are due no later than January 10, 1999 and should be sent via email to:

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Note that in the past we have received more applications for tutorials than slots, so please make a clear case for the appropriateness of your proposed tutorial.