

Plattform for Bioinformatics in Austria

Founding Meeting

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March 2015	Symposium Austrian infrastructure for life science information, Vienna Biocenter
October 2015	ELIXIR Board meeting, EBI Hinxton (T. Rattei)
November 2015	Website http://bioinformatik.at (Basic site)
December 2015	Round Table Forschungsinfrastruktur bm.wfw
February 2016	White paper “Bioinformatics in Austria: Perspectives and Strategy”
February 2016	Teleconference of PIs
February 2016	Presentation at Austrian Conference for High-Performance Computing, Gundlsee
March 2016	ELIXIR Board meeting Prague (T. Rattei)
March 2016	First meeting of the workgroup infrastructure and HPC, Vienna Biocenter
April 2016	Informal meeting of PIs in Vienna
June 2016	Presentation at 9th Imaging in the Life Sciences Meeting, Vienna
July 2016	Excursion to Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Geneva, Switzerland (6 persons from Graz and Vienna incl. Hemma Bauer from bm.wfw)
September 2016	Two HRSM proposals for national life science infrastructure (Coordination TU Graz, Uni Vienna)
September 2016	Presentation of training activities of VBCF (in cooperation with VIB) at ECCB 2016, Den Haag
September 2016	Extension of website http://bioinformatik.at (Jobs, Events, Twitter feeds)
October 2016	Founding meeting at Austrian Computer Science Day 2016, Linz
November 2016	ELIXIR Board meeting, EBI Hinxton (T. Rattei)

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To be discussed:

- Statutes (sent out for discussion by Oct 6, 2016)
 - Membership through existing societies with connections into bioinformatics
- Name: “Austrian Bioinformatics Platform”
- Acronym: “ATBioinfo”
- Registration in Vereinsregister when necessary
- No fees/finances until 2018

Decision:

- Web based poll for acronym
- All other points approved

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Main tasks for steering committee until 2018

- Acquire other societies as members
- Represent Austrian Bioinformatics to scientific and political partners and authorities
- Strengthen the network and ensure that everybody can contribute as intended

Volunteers for steering committee

- Sepp Hochreither, JKU Linz
- Thomas Rattei, Uni Vienna
- Christoph Sensen, TU Graz
- Zlatko Trajanoski, MedUni Innsbruck

Decision:

- All candidates approved
- President (“speaker”) and vice president (“deputy speaker”) will be nominated during first meeting of the steering committee

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Relevant societies

- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Molekulare Biowissenschaften und Biotechnologie (ÖGMBT)
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Informatik (OCG)
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Artificial Intelligence (ÖGAI)
- Österreichische Gesellschaft für Biomedizinische Technik (ÖGBMT)
- Austrian Proteomics Association (AUPA)
- Österreichische Statistische Gesellschaft (ÖSG)

Decision:

- Arrangements with ÖGMBT will be made first, will serve as template for the arrangements with the other societies
- Suggestions for further potential members are welcome

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Upcoming activities

Scientific exchange:

- National conference or symposium in Bioinformatics 2017? And/or active support of more focused meetings (NGS, Microbiome, MASAMB, ...)?
- Sessions at annual meetings of OCG and ÖGMBT
- Joint German Conference on Bioinformatics Vienna, Sep 2018

Infrastructure:

- Concept for Austrian ELIXIR node (tightly connected but not identical with this platform)
- Connection with Core4Life
- Outcome HRSM calls -> Establish national life science infrastructure
- Activate and utilize life science extension of Vienna Scientific cluster (HRSM 2013)
- 2nd meeting of the workgroup infrastructure and HPC (date, location?)

Education and training

- Establish workgroup
- Immediate: initiative “Hochschulraumentwicklung” (Bioinformatics education at Technical Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences)
- Curriculum development