

Coean Bioinformatics Institute



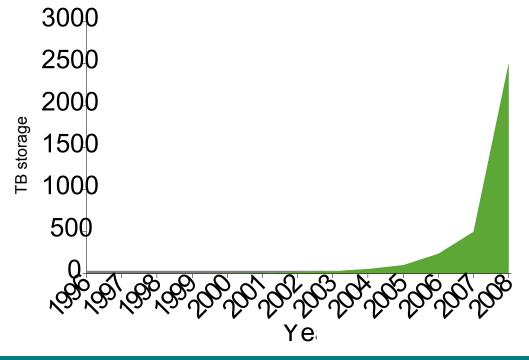
What is bioinformatics?

- The science of storing, retrieving and analysing large amounts of biological information
- An interdisciplinary science, involving biologists, computer scientists and mathematicians
- At the heart of modern biology

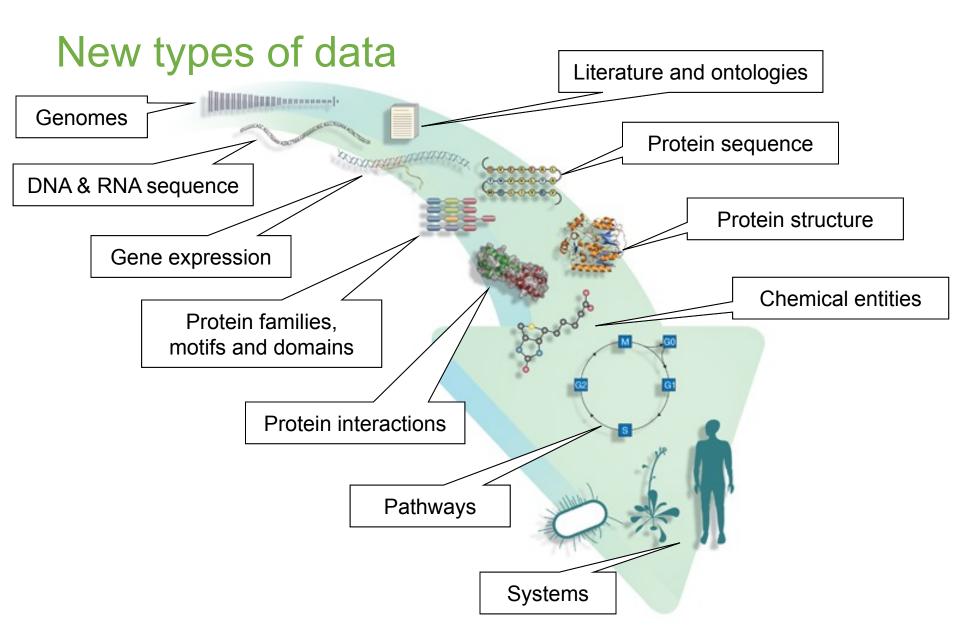


Biology is changing

- Data explosion and new types of data
- High-throughput biology
- Emphasis on systems, not reductionism
- Growth of applied biology – molecular medicine, agriculture, food, environmental sciences...









What is EMBL-EBI?





The five branches of EMBL

- EMBL is a basic research institute funded by public research monies from 20 member states.
- 1400 staff, over 60 nationalities.



Basic research in molecular biology Administration EMBO



Structural biology



Structural biology



Bioinformatics



Mouse biology

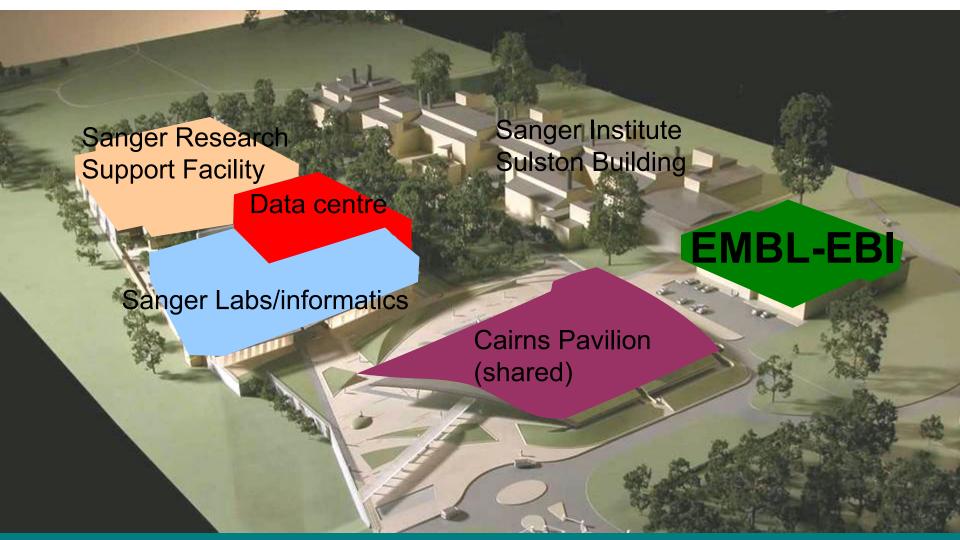


EMBL-EBI's mission

- To provide freely available data and bioinformatics services to all facets of the scientific community in ways that promote scientific progress
- To contribute to the advancement of biology through basic investigator-driven research in bioinformatics
- To provide advanced bioinformatics training to scientists at all levels, from PhD students to independent investigators
- To help disseminate cutting-edge technologies to industry



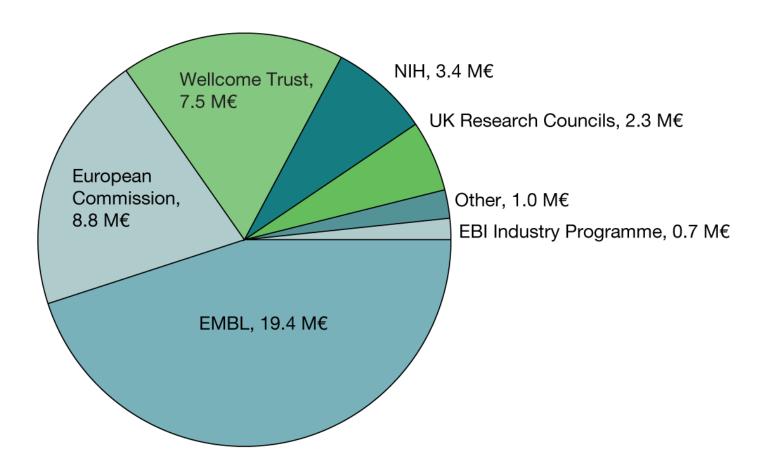
The Wellcome Trust Genome Campus



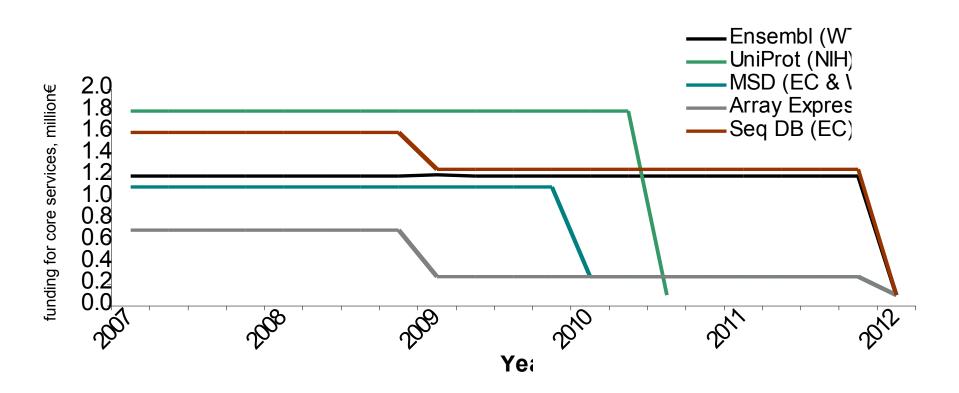


EMBL-EBI funding

Sources of funding for the year as of November 2008. The Wellcome Trust also supports us through provision of our buildings.



but...







- The preparatory phase of ELIXIR, an EU-funded project to agree upon the future bioinformatics infrastructure for Europe, began on 1 November 2007
- Anyone involved with bioinformatics in Europe is a stakeholder in this process
- Outcome the resulting memorandum of understanding among EU member states will pave the way towards a more <u>stable</u> footing for Europe's core data resources in the future
- Next stakeholder meeting will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark on 19–20 May 2009

See www.elixir-europe.org/ to register







Key facts about services

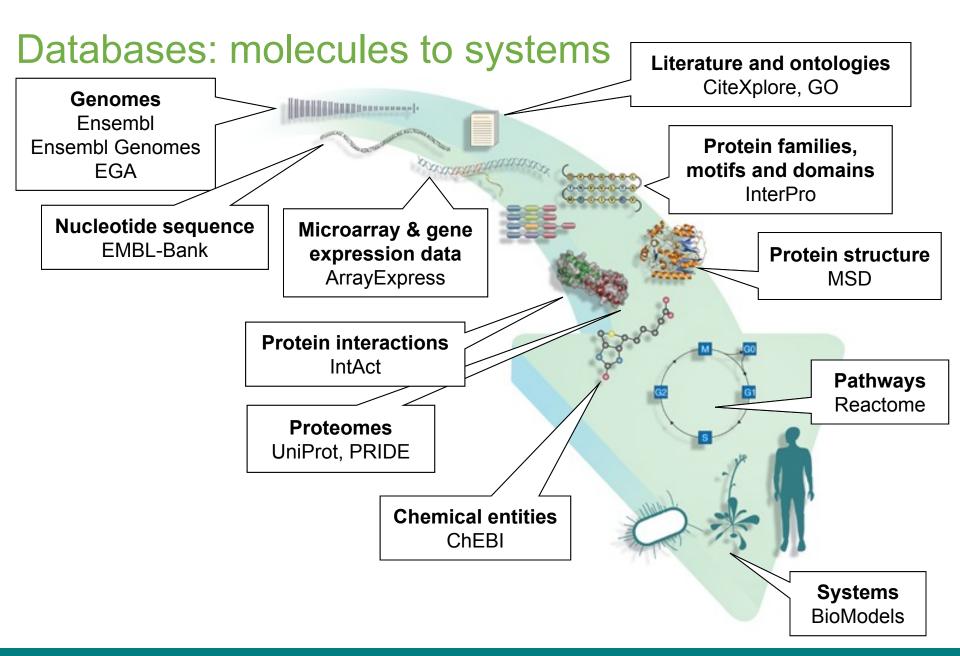
- European node for globally coordinated data collection and dissemination projects
- Core databases produced in collaboration with other world leaders, including NCBI (US), National Institute of Genetics (Japan), Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (US)
- The world's most comprehensive collection of molecular databases



Principles of service provision

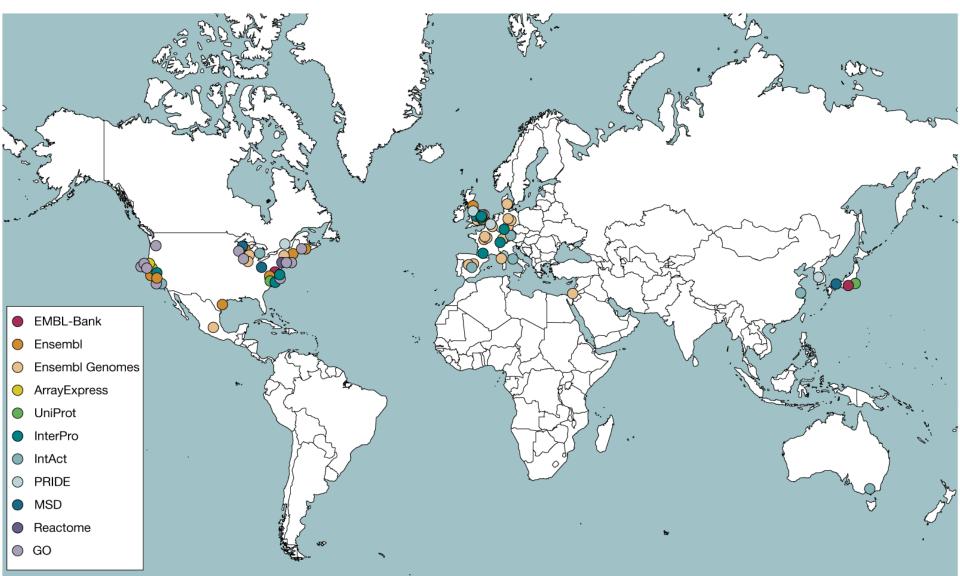
- Accessibility all data and tools freely available without restriction
- Compatibility we develop and promote the use of standards in bioinformatics
- Comprehensive data sets agreements with other data providers ensure that our resources contain comprehensive and up-to-date data; agreements with publishers ensure that published data are placed in a public repository at the earliest opportunity
- Portability data and software can be downloaded and installed locally
- Quality Our databases are enhanced through annotation and cross-referencing





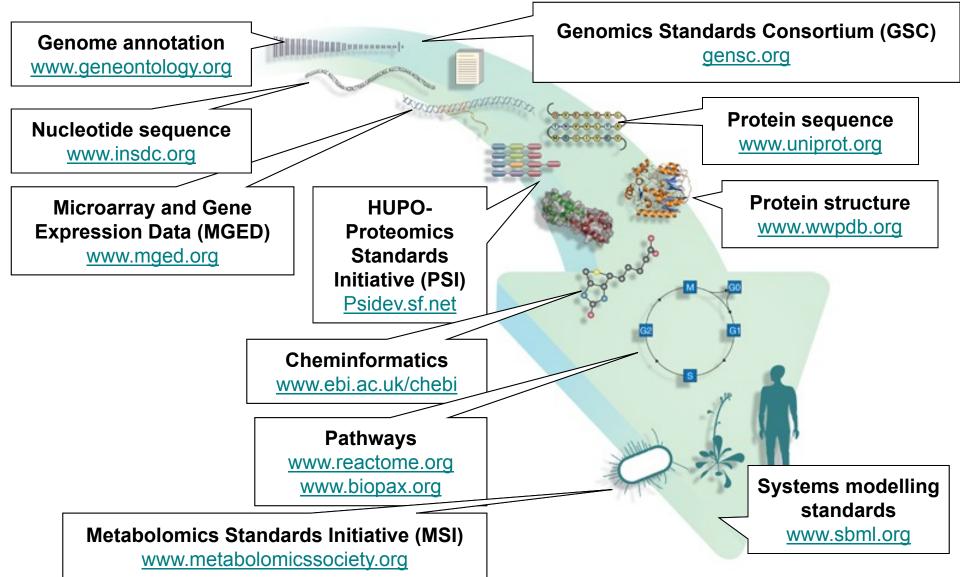


Database collaborations



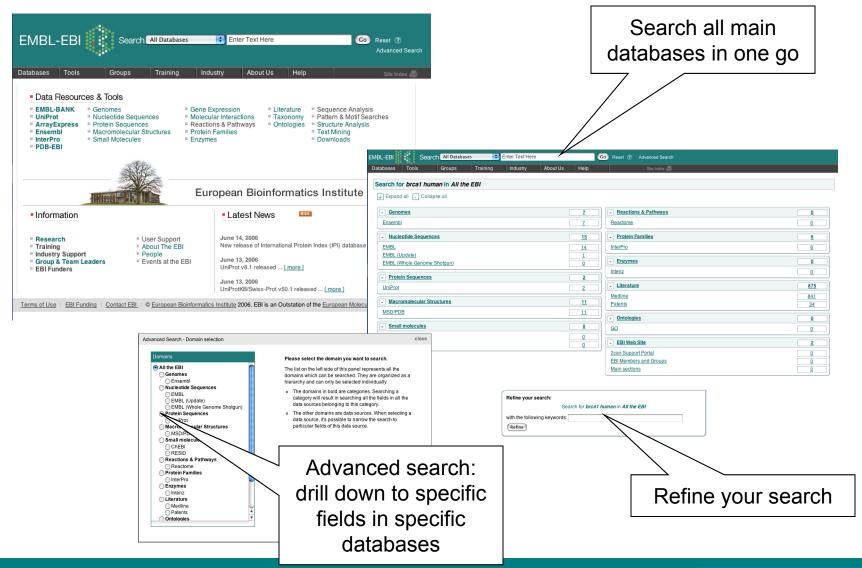


Standards development – international collaborations



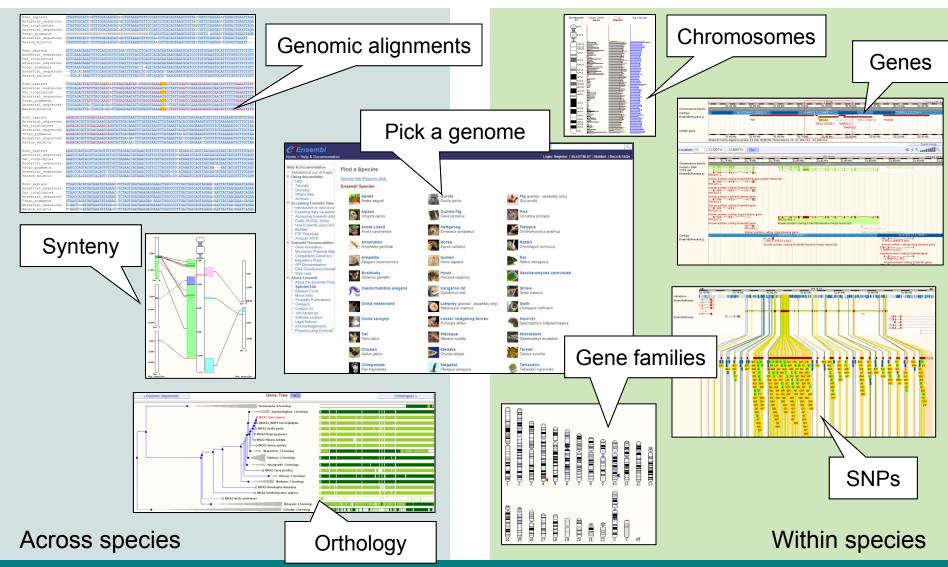


EBI website and search engine EB-eye



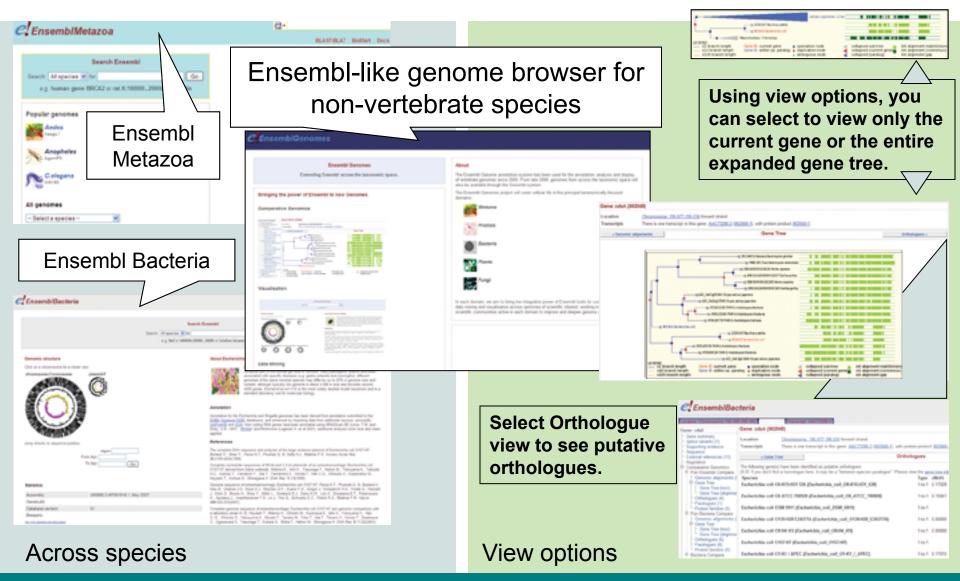


Genomes 1: Ensembl





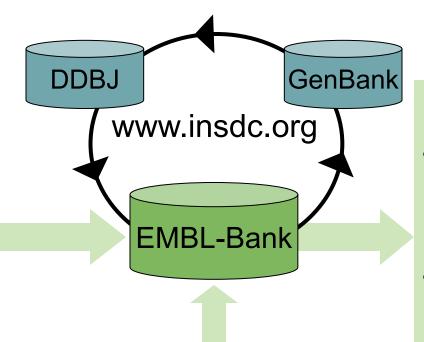
Genomes 2: Ensembl Genomes





Nucleotides: EMBL-Bank

- Direct submissions
- Patents
- Genomesequencing projects

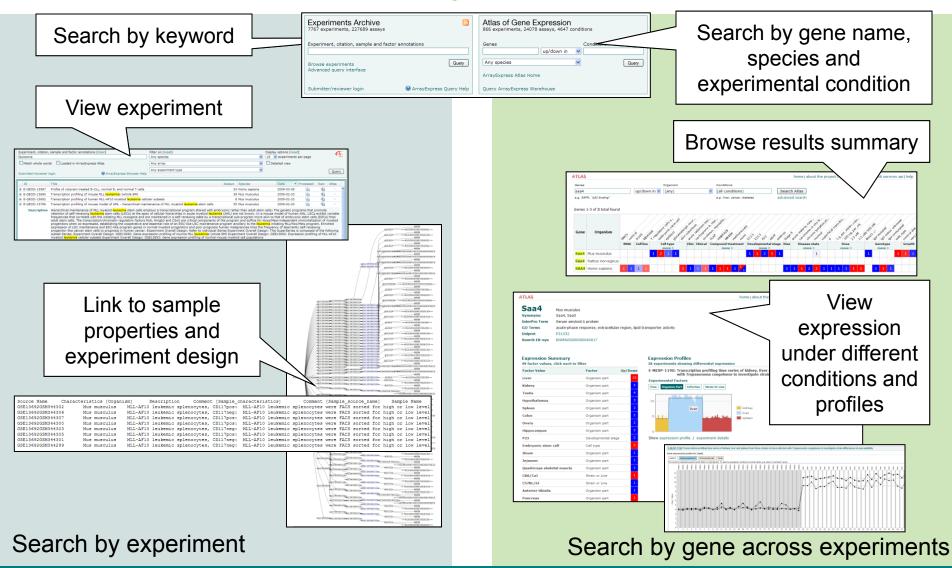


- Updates
- Third-party annotation

- Keyword and sequence searching
- Map-based search of environmental samples
- Downloads



Transcriptomes: ArrayExpress



Protein sequence: UniProt

Some data sources for annotation



Functional info



Protein identification data



Protein families and domains



Molecular interactions



Enzymes



Microbial protein families



Post-translational modifications

- Manual curation
- Literature-based annotation

Sequence analysis



 Automated annotation InterPro classification

Signal prediction

Transmembrane prediction

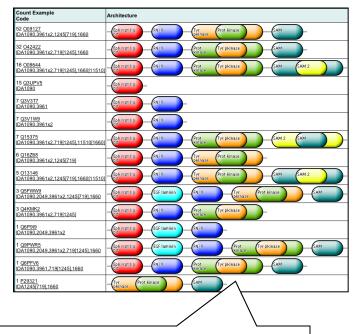
Other predictions

Protein classification

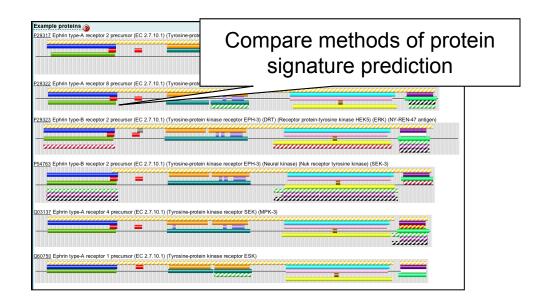


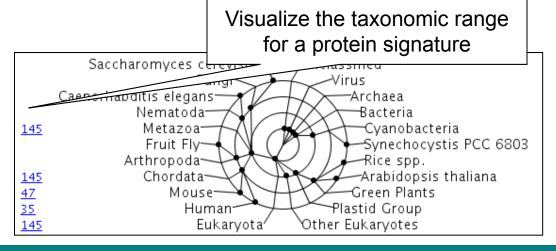
Protein families, motifs and domains: InterPro

Powerful tool for protein classification, integrating several methods into one resource



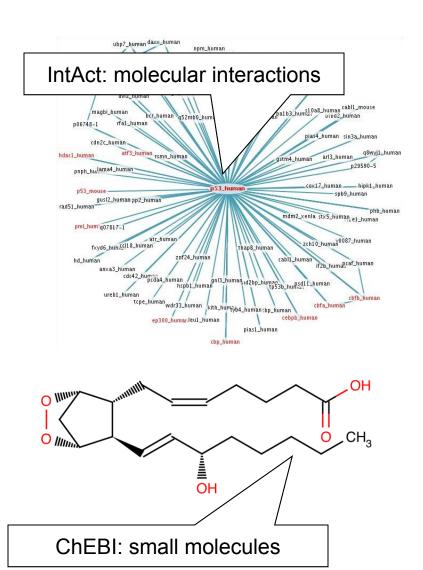
View architectures of proteins containing a signature

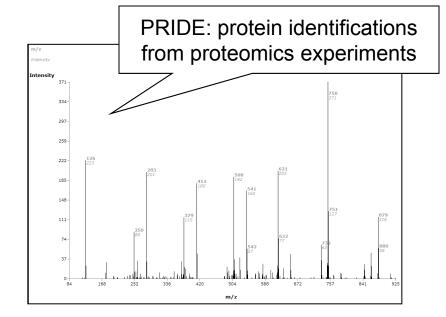


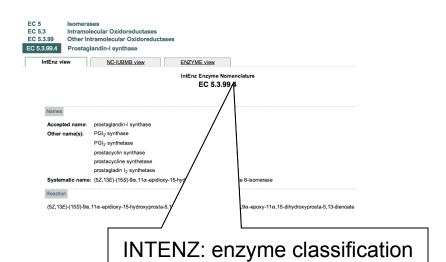




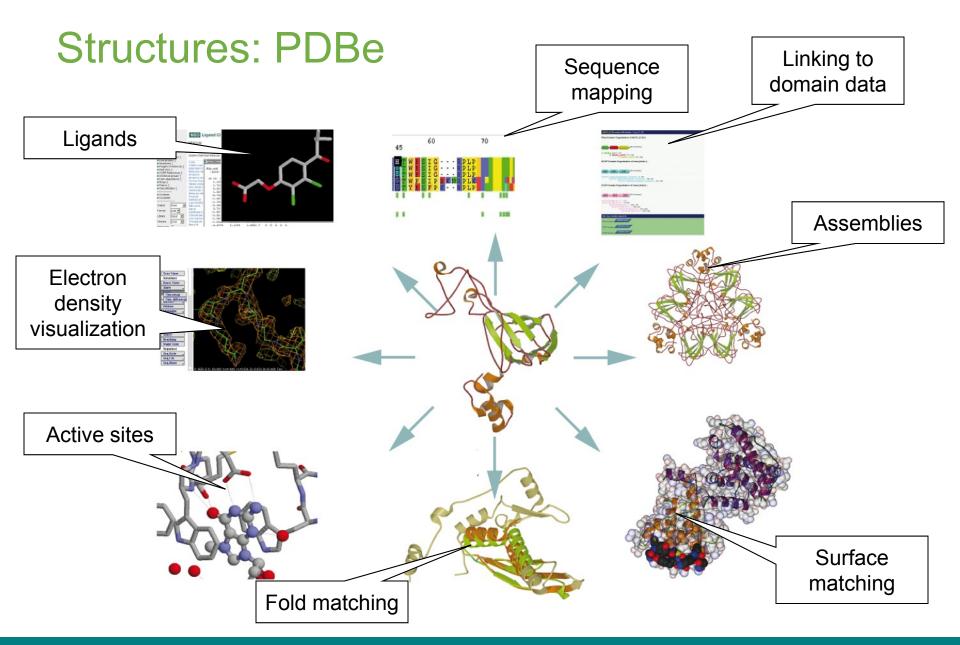
Proteomics services





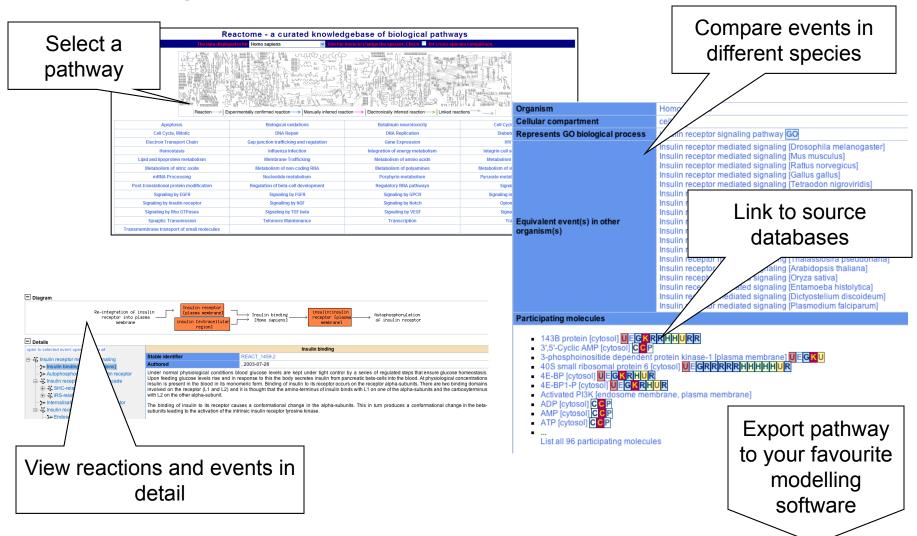








Pathways: Reactome





User support

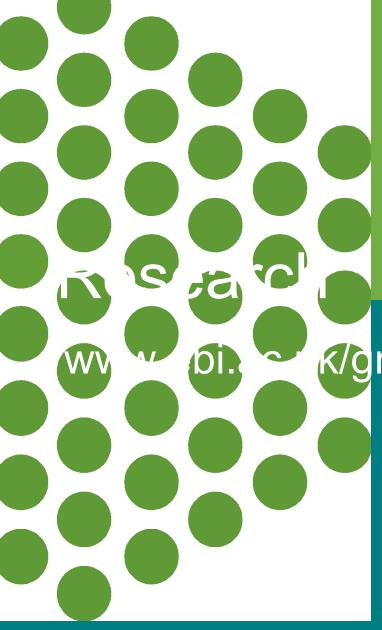
2Can bioinformatics user support – www.ebi.ac.uk/2Can

Online help pages – www.ebi.ac.uk/help

E-mail support – <u>www.ebi.ac.uk/support</u>







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Key facts about research

- The EBI provides a unique environment for bioinformatics research
- Eight dedicated research groups aim to understand biology through new approaches to interpreting biological data
- Services teams also carry out R&D to enhance existing services and develop new ones
- Research programme complements services and the two are mutually supportive



Research groups **Text mining** Rebholz-Schuhmann Genome analysis Birney, Flicek, Enright, Goldman **Structural** Transcriptome analysis bioinformatics Brazma, Huber **Thornton Regulatory networks Protein annotation** Luscombe **Apweiler Cheminformatics** Steinbeck, Overington Pathways, networks, systems - Le Novère Differentiation and development -**Bertone**







Predoc and postdoc training



- Annual Open Days for bioinformatics masters' students
- PhD studentships through EMBL International PhD Programme
- Short-term placements for visiting PhD students though EU-funded Marie Curie Fellowships



A tripartite user-training programme

Training any time, anywhere, at Training comes to you www.ebi.ac.uk/training/roadshow any pace www.ebi.ac.uk/training/elearning eLearng Bioinformics Roadsh Hands-c training atmbb Hands-on user training on all our core data resources for lab-based researchers www.ebi.ac.uk/training/handson



Hands-on training for all levels of experience

- Interactive training in our purpose-built IT training suite at EMBL-EBI, Hinxton, Cambridge
- Learn from the EBI's experts through a combination of talks and practical exercises
- Take a tour of all our core data resources, or focus in on specific data types
- Full programme at www.ebi.ac.uk/training/handson





http://www.ebi.ac.uk/training/handson/



Genomics, proteomics, transcriptomics, protein structures...



What our trainees say...

it's been a great learning experience

From sequence to gene

this course gave me just what I was looking for From sequence to gene

Great facilities, very good presentations, interesting content Transcriptomics

superb course ran by attentive tutors

Proteomes

the hands on sessions were clear
Transcriptomics

very nice to hear about tools that biologists usually are not aware of Protein to Proteomes

A very valuable experience. I'll definitely tell my colleagues about

EBI's courses
Protein to Proteomes

the best I have attended Proteomes

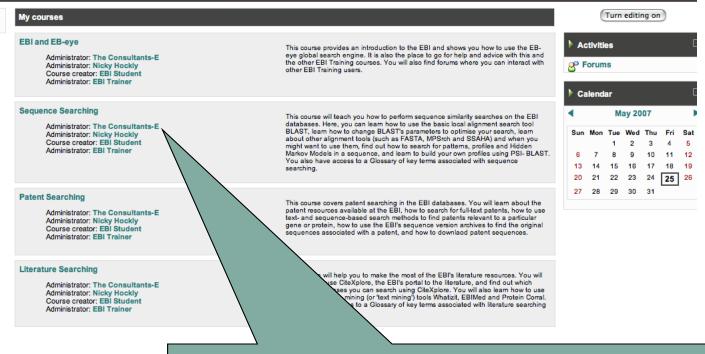


Moodle-based eLearning platform



www.ebi.ac.uk/training/elearning

Welcome to the EBI Staging Moodle Installation



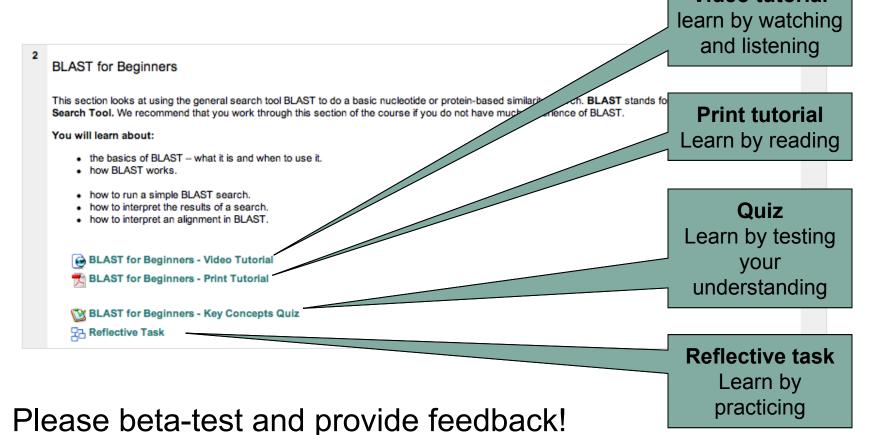
Courses available

- EBI and EB-eye
- Sequence searching
- Patent searching
- Literature searching
- Ensembl
- Transcriptomics



Each course is modular

A course contains 3–5 modules (~30 min each) Each module contains...



EMBL-EBI

Video tutorial





The EBI Industry Programme

- Enables industry to adapt quickly to, and maximise the benefit from, innovations in bioinformatics.
- Membership benefits include:
 - Research of benefit to industry
 - Expert training
 - Standards development
 - Technical development
 - Networking opportunities
- Membership is by invitation and members subscribe on an annual basis



Industry Programme members

- AstraZeneca
- Bayer Schering Pharma AG
- Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG
- Eli Lilly & Company
- Galderma
- GlaxoSmithKline
- F. Hoffman-La Roche
- Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development
- Merck KGaA
- Nestlé Research Centre
- Orion Pharma
- Philips Research
- Pfizer Ltd
- Syngenta Limited
- Sanofi-Aventis Recherche & Développement
- Unilever





Pinformatics in Europe

coordinated by the EBI



SLING – Serving life science information in the next generation

- Providing unrestricted access to some of the world's most important biological databases
- Bioinformatics roadshows provide hands-on training for users
- Funded by the European
 Commission within its FP7
 Programme within the
 Research Infrastructure
 Programme
- 4 partners in 4 countries





ELIXIR – European life sciences infrastructure

for biological information

To build a sustainable
European infrastructure for
biological information
supporting life science
research and its translation to:

- medicine,
- the environment,
- the bioindustries, and
- society

32 participants in 13 countries





ENFIN Network of Excellence

- Brings together experimentalists and computational biologists to develop the next generation of informatics resources for systems biology
- Funded by the European
 Commission within its FP6
 programme under the thematic area 'Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health'
- 20 partners in 13 countries
- www.enfin.org





EMBRACE Network of Excellence

- Aims to enable bioinformatics research through better interoperability of servers, databases and services
- Funded by the European
 Commission within its FP6
 programme under the thematic area 'Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health'
- 17 partners in 11 countries
- www.embracegrid.info





BioSapiens Network of Excellence

- A large-scale, concerted effort to annotate genome data through a virtual institute for genome annotation and a European School of Bioinformatics
- Funded by the European
 Commission within its FP6
 programme under the thematic area 'Life sciences, genomics and biotechnology for health'
- 24 partners in 14 countries
- www.biosapiens.info























