Bioinformatics training coordinator at VIB (BITS)

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> ## You understand the bioinformatics troubles of your colleagues? And you enjoy helping them out?
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> ## Then you are the perfect person to help us raise the bioinformatics skills of VIB scientists!

At the VIB research institute, located in Belgium, over 1000 scientists perform basic research in different areas of life sciences. As member of the Bioinformatics Training and Service (BITS) facility, your job will be to manage the bioinformatics training program of BITS. Based on your experience in life sciences research and bioinformatics, you will decide on and help executing the bioinformatics training program for VIB scientists.

To successfully accomplish your program, you will scout potential bioinformatics trainers, guide them in setting up a successful training session and take the final responsibility of the execution of the training session. You will also have the opportunity to give training sessions of your own and to explore new ways of training methods. You arrange the required training infrastructure (IT, rooms, catering,...) and the availability of training material. The follow-up of training sessions and guarding the quality will be your responsibility, by evaluating the sessions together with the trainers. You will continue to establish connections to international bioinformatics trainers (e.g. www.biotnet.org), and work on the visibility of BITS, towards the institute and towards the world.

You can count on administrative and communication support, and the assistance of other BITS members to succeed. To keep up your skills in the fast evolving area of bioinformatics, part of your time will be dedicated to assist in data mining at BITS. A lot of freedom to shape the bioinformatics training program at VIB to internationally renowned standards will be your share!

You will be employed in the Bioinformatics Training and Service (BITS) facility of the VIB. Training is one of BITS' core activities, besides data mining assistance to scientists and providing bioinformatics software at VIB.

Required skills

- A broad view of current bioinformatics evolutions
- Specific hands-on skills in a subdomain of bioinformatics
- Strong organizing skills
- Fluently understanding and speaking English

Key personal characteristics

- Stress-tolerant
- People-centered with focus on service delivery
- No problem with traveling within Flanders frequently

Bonus skills

- Basic knowledge of statistics
- Tech-savvy (social media, IT networking)
- Experience with mediawiki and/or other knowledge sharing platforms
- Some years of experience in life science research

Send your letter of motivation, your CV and references to bits@vib.be.

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