Introduction

• An initiative by ISCB Student Council.

• RSGs have developed a platform for young computational biology researchers and students at local regions to nurture networking potential and foster bioinformatics education.

• The spectrum of initiatives organized by the RSGs plays an important role to update the delegates and provide opportunity for students to foster their management and organizational skills to further their career prospects in academia and industry.

Key highlights of various initiatives maintained by RSGs in 2016-17

- A collaborative symposium with 4 RSGs in the region: Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg and France named BeNeLuxFra Symposium organized in November 2016.

- RSG-Argentina organized 1st Argentine Symposium of Young Bioinformatics Researchers organized by RSG-Argentina on 9-10 May 2016 at Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

- RSG-Turkey organizes virtual seminar series under the ‘Bioinfonet’ project.

- RSG-Northern Africa organized Precision Medicine in Morocco: Challenges and Opportunities Symposium, May 9th, 2016.

- RSG-Mexico participated in the organization of “Congreso Internacional de la Sociedad Iberoamericana de Bioinformática” that took place in Quintana Roo, Mexico.

- Presence at Northern California Computational Biology (NCCB) Student Symposium, October 2016 for promotions.

- RSG-Australia/COMBINE organized series of Data Carpentry workshops and symposium across the country.

- RSG-India Working on expanding member base by formulating team “Bioinformatics experts and troubleshooters”, includes researchers from the field.

- RSG-DC hosted summer workshop series in July, 2017 at the University of Maryland, College Park campus.

- RSG-Italy organized online programming competition named ‘CasaTIA’ also participated in BITS, Nettab, Goblet meeting.

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Glimpses of young computational biology community lead activities

27 RSGs are actively operating around the world, including:

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