

PREFACE

The Life Sciences Society, LSS, was launched at the CSB2005 conference. Its goal is to pull together the power available from computer science, the engineering capability to design complex automated instruments, together with the weight of centuries of accumulated knowledge from the biosciences.

LSS directors, organizing committee and members have dedicated time and talent to make CSB2006 one of the premier life sciences conferences in the world. Beside the huge volunteer effort for CSB it is important that this conference be properly financed. LSS and CSB are thankful for the continuous and generous support from Hewlett Packard and from Microsoft Research. We also want to thank the CSB2006 authors who have trusted us with the results of their research. In return LSS has arranged to have the CSB2006 Proceedings distributed to libraries as a volume in the "Advances in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology" book series - Oxford Press. CSB proceedings are indexed in Medline.

A very big thank you to John Wooley, CSB steering committee member, par excellence, who was there to help whenever needed. The general conference Co-Chair for CSB2006, Robert Lashley, has done a phenomenal job in his first year with LSS. Ed Buckingham as Local Arrangements Chair continues to

provide for the 4th continuous year outstanding professional leadership for CSB. Once again the Program Committee co-chaired by Peter Markstein and Ying Xu has orchestrated a stellar selection of thirty eight bioinformatics papers for the plenary sessions and for publication in the Proceedings. The selection of the best posters was done under the supervision of Nigam Shah, Poster Chair. Selection of the ten tutorial classes was conducted by Betty Cheng, Tutorial Chair, and of the seven workshops by Will Bridewell, Workshop Chair. Ann Loraine's work with PubMed has been instrumental in getting CSB proceedings indexed in Medline. Kirindi Choi is again Chair of Volunteers. Pat Blauvelt is LSS membership Chair, Bill Wang is Registration Chair, and Gene Ren is Finance Chair. Together with the above committee members all CSB committee members deserve a special thank you. This has been an incredibly dedicated CSB organizing committee!

If you believe that Sharing Matters, you are invited to join our drive for successful knowledge transfer and persuade a colleague to join LSS.

Thank you for participating in CSB2006.

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