

**The Bioinformatics Hub** is a place where bioinformaticians gather together with three aims: (i) to provide their advice, knowledge, and support to anyone with a relevant question; (ii) to discuss current issues and challenges in proteomics informatics with the entire community; and (iii) to work on interesting, synergistic projects and to freely exchange tools, algorithms and know-how with each other, across all labs, seniorities and levels of experience.

This will be achieved by specific sessions in the agenda. The Ask the Experts sessions (every day between 10h00 and 12h00) explicitly open the floor to anyone with a question, and leverages the combined experience and expertise of all Hub participants to answer those questions. The Special Interest Topic sessions address a current problem or issue in proteomics informatics in a short (max 20 min lecture), followed by an open, discussion of the topic by all participants, moderated by the organizers. The last type of session, the workshop style sessions, allow participants to work on synergistic topics of their choice, or to exchange know-how, tools and algorithms with the other participants.

The Bioinformatics Hub will operate under an open door policy, and that anyone is free to walk in at any time and participate in the work or the discussions, ask a question of someone, or just listen in on what is going on! The bioinformatics hub is meant to be inclusive, low threshold, and aimed at knowledge exchange across all levels of experience.

Also note that representatives from the vendors are very much welcome to participate in the Hub, and typically are well-represented indeed. So your questions on vendor software can also be handled by the experts!