



2016 BITS Travel Grants for attendance to International Conferences

The Bioinformatics Italian Society (BITS) is glad to award travel grants to its members for attending International conferences from April 1st 2016 to March 31st 2017.

The Steering Committee has initially funded 4 Travel Grants, but this number could increase during the year, depending on requests and available funds.

Eligibility

- BITS regular membership for 2016;
- Abstract (or paper) submission (or acceptance), according to conference requests and deadlines, for oral or poster presentation, as a first or last author;
- No age limit is imposed, although requests from young scientists (less than 35 y/o) will be prioritized;

Evaluation and assignment

A Scientific Committee composed of three BITS Ordinary members will evaluate applications and assign grants, with no possibility of appeal.

Attendance to any conference can be sponsored, but priority will be given to meetings organized or sponsored by the International Society of Computational Biology (ISCB). One (1) travel grant is reserved for participation in the ECCB 2016 conference.

Researchers not previously awarded with BITS Travel Grants will be favored.

Only one Travel Grant per research group may be assigned in the time framework of this Call.

Submissions for the same conference will be comparatively evaluated.

Successful candidates will be notified within 14 days after the submission deadline.

BITS sponsorship must be acknowledged in the oral or poster presentation.

Amount of grants

Fundable costs include travel, registration fee, accommodation (up to 80 €/night), meals (up to 25 €/meal). A maximum of 750.00 € per travel grant will be assigned. The Travel Grant will not cover costs refunded or refundable by other organizations. The applicant must immediately inform BITS by email to segretario@bioinformatics.it in case he/she obtains a Travel Grant from meeting organizers or from any other funding support.

Reimbursements will be done ONLY via bank transfer to the personal account of the applicant after the end of the conference. Receipts of all expenses and certificate of participation must be provided, with a declaration that the costs are not refunded or refundable by other way.

Deadlines and application process

Applications must be submitted at least 60 days before the meeting. The application form can be downloaded from the BITS web site (<http://www.bioinformatics.it/>). Fully compiled forms should be sent via email to segretario@bioinformatics.it within the deadline together with a pdf of the submitted abstract.