

8th Swedish Bioinformatics Workshop

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Uppsala, Sweden

Swedish Bioinformatics workshop has been organized annually since the year 2000. The workshop, or nowadays practically a conference, is meant for Ph.D. students and post-docs, not only from Sweden but also from other Nordic countries. This year, there were ~90 participants, mainly from Sweden, but also from Finland, Denmark, Estonia and South Korea. The aim of the workshop is to be the leading Swedish meeting point for young scientists within bioinformatics and related fields of computational biology.

The scientific program of the workshop was very interesting with presentations from keynote speakers and from the participants of the workshop. The keynote speakers were all young, successful scientists that had very recently established their own research groups in Uppsala. The most interesting presentations were those by Dr. David Sumpter, who presented his research about mathematical models concerning animal behavior and by Dr. Tobias Sjöblom, who presented an impressive genome-wide mutational analysis of breast and colorectal cancers. In addition, the workshop included a poster session and a dinner at one of the Uppsala nations. In all, the workshop covered well the diverse field of bioinformatics and it gave a good summary about the current bioinformational research in Sweden.

Next year, when the workshop will be organized for the 9th time, I warmly recommend this workshop to the graduate students of ISB.

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