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Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at JBI 2010: the 10th Spanish Symposium on Bioinformatics held in Torremolinos, Málaga, Spain, during October 27–29, 2010. After 10 years of conferences (the JBI conference series was started in 2000) JBI 2010 centered on the topic “Bioinformatics for Personalized Medicine” and was hosted by the University of Málaga, co-organized by the National Institute of Bioinformatics, Spain and the Portuguese Bioinformatics Network chaired by Oswaldo Trelles, Arcadi Navarro, Federico Morán and Pedro Fernandes and took place in the Hotel Son Don Pablo, at Paseo Marítimo, Torremolinos.

This year, 18 papers were accepted for presentation out of more than 100 submissions. The papers presented were selected by the Program Committee (PC) assisted by a number of external reviewers. Each paper was reviewed by two members of the PC, or by external reviewers. JBI 2010 also introduced a Highlights Track, in which eight additional presentations were chosen from journal papers published in 2009 or 2010. This made a total of 26 presentations. Authors were invited to submit a revised version of their work to be considered for publication in Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics after a second reviewing process by independent reviewers. This volume contains the papers that were finally selected.

JBI 2010 invited several distinguished speakers as keynotes and for special sessions on Genomic Projects Design: Success Cases, Bioinformatics Challenges in Personalized Medicine, Bioinformatics Software Developments in Spain and Beyond, and Options and Priorities in Hands-On Training in Spain and Portugal. A special session to present the status of the ELIXIR ESFRI project also took place. Invited speakers and special sessions organizers included Ivo Gut (National Genome Analysis Center Barcelona), Sara Hunter (EMBL-EBI Hinxton), Julio Saez Rodriguez (EMBL Outstation - Hinxton, European Bioinformatics Institute), Victoriano Valpuesta Fernández (University of Málaga), Alfonso Valencia (Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas), José Pereira Leal (Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência), Fernando Martin-Sánchez (Instituto de Salud Carlos III), Pedro Fernandes (Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência), Jose María Fernández (Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas), Jose Ramon Valverde (Centro Nacional de Biotecnologia), Victoria Martín-Requena (Universidad de Málaga), Maximiliano García (Universidad de Málaga) and Allan Orozco (Centro Nacional de Investigaciones Oncológicas).

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