

Join the Bioinformatics special interest group

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We, the current members, are excited to announce the relaunch of the Bioinformatics Special Interest Group (SIG) within the ASM, and we invite you to become a part of this dynamic community.

About the Bioinformatics SIG

The Bioinformatics SIG is committed to advancing microbial genomics, transcriptomics and meta-omics through the development and application of computational approaches. Our primary goals are to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange microbial researchers, clinicians and allied health professionals with a shared interest in bioinformatics, computational biology and related fields. Through these activities, we aim to promote innovative research and discoveries that affect and advance scientific knowledge through to translational outcomes.

Why join?

Networking – connect with like-minded professionals in the field.

Knowledge sharing – stay updated on the latest bioinformatics advancements and best practices and contribute

to the development of new bioinformatics software and workflows.

Collaboration – explore opportunities for research and project collaboration.

Professional development – enhance your skills and expertise.

Influence – contribute to the growth and impact of bioinformatics in the ASM community.

How to get involved

If you have a passion for bioinformatics or simply want to learn more about it, we encourage you to express your interest in joining our Bioinformatics SIG. Whether you are an ASM member or considering becoming one, your enthusiasm and ideas are welcome.

Please follow this link (see <https://forms.gle/z8BVfNRv7okVdpC39>) and we will reach out to you with more details on how to become an active member of the SIG. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to us at b.forde@uq.edu.au.

We look forward to building a vibrant and engaged Bioinformatics SIG with your participation.

Microbiology Australia updates

Microbiology Australia (MA) continues to gain greater recognition globally, now being listed by the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#) (DOAJ), an online directory that indexes and provides access to high-quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals. Inclusion in DOAJ has the benefits of raising visibility of MA content and, importantly, demonstrates best practice editorial and publishing standards (which also helps distinguish MA from the plethora of predatory open access journals out there). More information on the benefits of indexing in DOAJ can be found at: <https://doaj.org/apply/why-index/#why-your-journal-should-be-indexed-in-doaj>

Other databases listing MA include Scopus and Clarivate's Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI). MA is a member of [COPE](#) (Committee on Publication Ethics) and requires authors to list conflicts of interest and sources of funding.

Most importantly, MA aims to meet the needs of members of *The Australian Society for Microbiology*. Melinda and Tess (pictured here) were proud to receive the print copy of the most recent issue.

