

# MCB

## Molecular and Computational Biology Research School

### STATUTES

#### Preamble

The Molecular and Computational Biology Research School (MCB) includes, Uni BCCS, Computational Biology Unit (CBU) and Sars International Centre for Marine Molecular Biology (Sars) both at Uni Research, Department of Informatics (II), Department of Molecular Biology (MBI) and Department of Biology (BIO) at the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, and Department of Biomedicine (Biomed) at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

The formal framework of MCB is given by the formal establishment of MCB as approved by the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences June 9<sup>th</sup> 2006 (item 03/5243), and by the partnership agreement dated April 2010.

In accordance with §5. of the partnership agreement, these statutes regulate the objectives and organisation of MCB.

#### 1. Objectives

1.1 The general objectives of MCB are:

- To provide an attractive and stimulating training environment for doctoral students in molecular and computational biology, with strong association to research in this field at the international level.
- To develop a course programme that offers core competence in both disciplines, and opportunities for specialization in selected topics.
- To integrate basic topics in science theory and ethics, and scientific communication in the course programme in a discipline-oriented approach.
- To offer a meeting place for students and staff participating in the research school and to facilitate mutual exchange of information regarding ongoing research at the partners.

1.2 MCB Course programme

The course programme will be organised in 4 core modules: (1) An introductory course to research in molecular and computational biology, (2) A series of courses and workshops related to the disciplines of MCB, (3) A science theory, history and ethics course, and (4) A scientific communication module.

#### 2. Management and administration

2.1 The Board

- MCB is lead and organised by a board, consisting of one member appointed by each of the partners, and four PhD-students appointed by the students – one from each of the involved Departments.
- The Board is responsible for the development of MCB to fulfill its objectives, and has the right of disposition of the MCB budget as given by the partnership agreement, §3.3.



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## 2.2 The Board Chairperson

- One of the representatives from either II or MBI is elected chairperson by the Board. The chairperson is responsible for organising the Board's activities and meetings, and for the day to day operation of MCB in cooperation with the associated administrative personnel.

## 2.3 Administration

- MBI is responsible for organising the administration of the research school, within the financial frame given by the MCB Board.

## 2.4 Membership and affiliation

2.4.1 *Membership* to MCB is open to all PhD-students affiliated with any one of the partners. Members of MCB will have full access and priority to MCB activities.

2.4.2 *Associate membership* is open to master students and post docs affiliated with any one of the partners. Associate members have full access to MCB activities, but not priority for courses.

2.4.3 *Faculty membership* to MCB is open to all scientific staff affiliated with any one of the partners. The right to apply for support for research-courses are reserved to faculty members. Faculty members will have access to all relevant MCB-activities. Faculty members are expected to inform any students they supervise about MCB, and to actively relate to information and communication from MCB.

2.4.4 *Associated groups*. Research groups at any of the partners may ask for affiliation with MCB. All scientific faculty and PhD-students in the affiliated groups should be members of MCB. The training programme of MCB should reflect the research and needs of the associated groups. The associated groups are expected to actively contribute to research training in MCB.

## 3. Evaluation

3.1 The individual parts of the MCB programme is to be evaluated continuously in accordance with Handbook for Quality Assurance of University Programmes of Study

3.2 The research school is to be evaluated as a whole in the fall semester of 2010/spring semester of 2011.

## 4. Amendment of the statutes

Suggestions to amendment of the statutes are to be presented to the Board. The board will present a recommendation to the partners. If all the partners approve, the amendments are effectuated.

## 5. Effectuation and approval

The statutes will be presented to the partners along with the proposed partnership agreement, and effectuated as soon as the partners have signed the agreement.

