Read and accept the following recommendations before confirming your participation to the Bioinformatics and Comparative genome Analyses course

6 - 18 May, 2013
Université de La Réunion, Saint-Denis, France
http://www.pasteur.fr/~tekaia/BCGA2013.html

Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to inform you of your acceptance to the 2013 Bioinformatics and Comparative Genome Analysis Course, held at the Université de la Réunion, Saint-Denis, France (http://www.univ-reunion.fr/) from May 6th to May 18th, 2013.

Please review the course content, the eligibility and conditions of acceptance before confirming you willingness to participate in the course. As there is a substantial waiting list, if you still wish to participate, you are required to accept the course programme and conditions and e-mail your confirmation as soon as possible but latest on Tuesday April 11, otherwise reply immediately by declining your participation so that we can ascribe the place to someone else.

Eligibility and conditions of acceptance:

(1) Before confirming your participation, make sure the course is within your scientific and technical ability, as well as meeting your expectations, interest and professional development. The course is not intended for beginners.

Detailed course outline is available at our web page:
http://www.pasteur.fr/~tekaia/BCGA2011/BCGA2013_Prog.html
The actual course is quite similar to previously organized courses: http://www.pasteur.fr/~tekaia/BGA_courses.html of which course materials are available for review. Students are advised to review past course materials.

(2) Your acceptance to the course is based on the accurate credentials and qualifications you provided in good faith in the application form. Please note that the course participation is limited to members of Academic Institutions.

(3) The student is of sound health for travel to La Reunion Island and the participation in the course. Although there is no particular health risk in Reunion Island, students are advised to consider acquiring travel health insurance at their home country for the duration of the course.

(4) The course will be taught in English and verbal and written command of English is required.

(5) Good experience with Unix is mandatory. You have to be prepared to work under Unix during all practical sessions.

We will use Perl for writing scripts to manipulate and analyse data. You should have at least a working preliminary experience with Perl. We have made available useful links that might help you consolidate your knowledge in Unix, Perl or any other item considered in this course: http://www.pasteur.fr/~tekaia/BCGA_useful_links.html

(6) This course is intensive and we expect students to participate actively during the lectures and practical sessions. For these reasons, students are required to be available full-time for the entire duration of the course (May 6th – May 18th, 2013).

(7) During the two weeks of the course, invited colleagues, instructors, and students will stay together in the same Hotel to facilitate contacts and discussions. We expect everyone to integrate easily with groups and people from different countries and cultures.

(8) Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops and data so that to facilitate discussion with other students and invited colleagues.
(9) Accommodation and meals and the following local transportations are free for selected academic participants:
- Transports between airport and Hotel,
- Transports between hotel and University for each training day.

(10) The course starting date is May 6th, 2013. During the first session, students will have to introduce themselves in one or 2 slides and to present their work in 10 minutes maximum. Instructions will be given later on how to prepare and send us these slides.
You may refer to previous self-presentations:
http://www.pasteur.fr/~tekaia/BCGA2012.html

(11) At the end of the course, each student will have to complete anonymously an evaluation questionnaire. During the last session, each student will have to evaluate the course in a short presentation (3-4 minutes on Saturday May 18th): what is learned, liked, missed from the lectures, practical sessions as well as the accommodations and meals.
Attendance to the evaluation session is mandatory.

(12) Accommodation, transports and meals
Students and invited colleagues will stay in the same hotel: Central Hotel (http://www.centralhotel.re/).
Accommodations, set transports and set meals are provided and have to be taken as they are.

Student are responsible for organizing and proving costs for their travel (flight tickets) to and from La Réunion (except for regional students, i.e Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles, Mayotte, Comoros and Mozambique), and all incidental expenses including, visa, necessary travel documents, non set meals and drinks and the like.

(13) Once you confirm your participation by e-mail (latest on Tuesday, April 11), you will receive a formal electronic invitation to attend the course.

Please note that the course is based on the voluntarism of the organizers, invited colleagues and IT support staff.

Please review the aforementioned terms and affect their acceptance before confirming your participation. If for any reason you cannot respect all of these recommendations, please let us know immediately so that we allow someone else from the waiting list to participate.

If you agree and accept all of these recommendations and conditions, confirm your participation by including the statement: “I have read the course programme, the recommendations and conditions and accept them all without any reservation”.

Your collaboration and comprehension are always needed.

With our best wishes

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