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ULB director position for the Interuniversity Institute of Bioinformatics in Brussels

The Interuniversity Institute of Bioinformatics in Brussels ((IB)²) was founded in 2013, bringing together researchers from computer science, (molecular) biology and medicine, both from ULB and VUB, involving, in total, six different faculties. The main objective of the institute is to generate scientific excellence in bioinformatics, computational biology and systems biology. (IB)² achieves this by being a collaborative interdisciplinary research environment open to all who wish to work on fundamental and applied scientific questions for which novel bioinformatics and computational biology approaches need to be developed. The (IB)² is recognized as a ULB-VUB joint research group (JRG) since 2014, with renewal in 2018, and has grown to over 70 members, including principal investigators (PIs) and young researchers.

The institute is managed by a VUB and an ULB director, who are supported by a 50% ATP position provided by the Science Faculty of the ULB. Both directors have in principle a mandate of 4 years and they are selected by the Steering Committee of the institute. The rotation period of the current ULB director of (IB)² is coming to an end (30/9/2021), and the institute is looking for another director to continue the institute's mission to promote computational biology and bioinformatics research at the ULB and VUB across six faculties.

Requirements:

- You have at least a 10% ZAP appointment at the ULB
- You have a track record of (IB)²-related activities in the last 2 years
- You are associated with at least one of the ULB faculties of Sciences; Engineering; Medicine and Pharmacy.
- You have an active research programme that involves computational biology and/or bioinformatics research.

Expectations:

- You will actively engage with the further development of the institute, by implementing the decisions of the Steering committee and suggesting strategically important new routes the institute might take.
- You will encourage grant proposals that benefit the institute, as well as the creation of joint Ph.D. positions between the ULB and VUB.
- You will advertise and promote the institute and the results produced by it within the ULB as well as outside of it.
- You will promote the participation of the institute in national and international networks and projects.
- You will be physically present at the institute, for at least 2 days a week, with a dedicated desk and office provided.
- You will seek to involve new people to participate in the institute.

- You will represent the institute at official meetings.
- You will uphold the institute's philosophy by creating an open and creative research environment, especially encouraging interdisciplinary connections between researchers of different fields.

How to apply:

- Please send a 2-page CV accompanied by a motivation letter to Tom Lenaerts, the current ULB director of the (IB)², via email to Tom.Lenaerts@ulb.ac.be
- The **deadline for applications is 23:59 on 30th of March 2021**

If you have further enquiries about this position, please contact Tom Lenaerts via email (Tom.Lenaerts@ulb.ac.be) or by phone (+32 486 931996)