**Community Annotation of Biological Data**

Highest degree you have obtained:
Year obtained:

[For the purposes of this survey a "Biologist" is a person with either a graduate degree in biology (or related field) has had at least one year of work/research experience in any biological or related field.]

1. Are you a biologist? (Yes/No)

2. Do you regularly make information available to the public via the Internet, for example using social networking sites (Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube) or blogs? (Yes/No)

3. Do you use--or are you aware of--publicly available biological databases like Pfam, RefSeq, UnProt, Swiss-Prot, NCBI resources etc.? (Yes/No)

4. Are you currently involved in developing or maintaining a publicly available biological database? (Yes/No)

5. Do you regularly provide direct input to biological databases to improve their content? (Yes/No) (Please note that submissions that are indirect or part of your normal workflow do not count.)

6. Have you ever been recruited to actively provide input to a biological database in some capacity (either via a jamboree or collaboration)? (Yes/No)

Please answer the following questions on a 5 to 1 scale, with 5 being "I strongly agree" and 1 being "I strongly disagree" and 3 being "no comments" or "neutral". In your answers, do not consider "required submission" databases such as PubMed or GenBank.

You would be more interested in providing input/contributions if ... [Here we refer to input that has already been shared in some way with the public, for example in a publication]

1. You were made aware that you could contribute. ____

2. You were asked to contribute and improve a already valuable resource. ____

3. You found out that a "critical mass" for such submissions has been reached (it is too early to contribute). ____

4. You had more time (you have other priorities). ____

5. There were readily-available guidelines on what or how to contribute. ____

6. You could get some training in bioinformatics (e.g. sequence analysis, database curation and annotation etc.). ____

7. You knew somebody at the database resource: ____

8. There was an easy-to-use interface available. ____

9. There was a reward of some kind (for example, acknowledgement, authorship or payment) for the effort. ____

10. Funding agencies, tenure-track committees, and employers considered such contributions important. ____

Are there any other reasons which might encourage you to provide input/contributions to biological databases?

If you are interested in participating in this survey please complete this survey and e-mail to rm285@georgetown.edu or pirmail@georgetown.edu.