Endnote session for IHBI/LS/NRS Researchers

Jenny Thomas (IHBI Knowledge Manager) has organised Dr Brendan Sinnamon and myself to run a training session on Endnote:

- The essentials, term lists, inserting diacritics/special/non-Roman characters...answering your questions will be covered.
- The sessions will be held in KG-Q620, IHBI Level 6, Friday 28 August, 2009, 10.00am – 12.00noon.
- If you would like to attend please contact Jenny Thomas on: x86078 ja.thomas@qut.edu.au

Training Webinars for Community of Science (COS) Funding Opportunities

QUT Library now provides access to Community of Science (COS) Funding Opportunities. This is a comprehensive database of international and Australian funding opportunities schemes from public agencies, national and local governments, and private sector sponsors around the world, and includes opportunities in all academic discipline areas.

It provides over 24,000 records representing over 400,000 funding opportunities, worth more than $33 billion in grants, fellowships, prizes, and more.

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The COS interface provides search features including search fields and limiters. A useful feature is setting up a profile to generate a weekly funding alert via email. To set-up an alert simply click Save Search at the top of any results screen and choose to get email alerts with new information that matches your saved searches.

All versions of COS Funding News are also available as an RSS feed, so that you can receive the latest COS Funding News information using, for example, Google Reader, or any other RSS reader. You can subscribe to an RSS feed on the respective COS Funding News page.

To register for the COS Training Webinars, please follow these instructions go to: inter.viewcentral.com/events/cust/default.aspx?cid=proquest&pid=1

- Select the option ‘COS Research Databases on the COS Platform’ and click on the search button.
- Select your time-zone from the drop-down menu on the following page to determine what time the sessions will be in your location.
- Click on the Register button, and follow the on-screen instructions.
two of the biggest challenges faced by today’s life science research community: i) low transparency and poor reproducibility of biological experiments and ii) time and labor-intensive nature of learning new experimental techniques.

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Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE) : a short-term trial until September 17, 2009

Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE) is a peer-reviewed, PubMed indexed journal devoted to the publication of biological research in a video format (www.jove.com).

The Journal of Visualized Experiments (JoVE) was established as a new tool in life science publication and communication, with participation of scientists from leading research institutions. JoVE takes advantage of video technology to capture and transmit the multiple facets and intricacies of life science research. Visualization greatly facilitates the understanding and efficient reproduction of both basic and complex experimental techniques, thereby addressing

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**Nature Open Peer-Review Trial:**

**Report & Web-Debate**

In 2006 *Nature* undertook an open peer review trial where authors whose submissions to *Nature* are sent for peer review were also offered the opportunity to participate in an open peer review process. The trial was optional for authors; it continued in parallel with *Nature*’s usual procedures, and did not affect the likelihood of eventual publication of the submitted work.

More specifically the trial allowed open comments on those submitted manuscripts selected for peer review. Anyone in the field could post comments, provided they were prepared to identify themselves. The trial allowed Nature's editors to assess the value of including these open comments in their decision-making. The trial run alongside the usual, confidential peer review process.

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**The Australian National Data Service (ANDS) workshops**

The Australian National Data Service (ANDS) [www.ands.org.au](http://www.ands.org.au) will be visiting all capital cities to hold workshops and events between September 2009 and May 2010.

The sharing and management of data are activities which involve many different people within the research institution, including researchers and their support staff, research administrators, data centre and repository staff and others.

Three workshops are planned:

- **ANDS Services**
- **Research Data and the Code: the researcher perspective**
- **Research Data and the Code: the institutional perspective**

These workshops are designed for different audiences, so individuals might choose those which best suit their needs.

These visits will provide researchers, representatives of research institutions and infrastructure providers with the opportunity to meet with ANDS staff and to attend workshops.

For more information, see [ands.org.au/events/roadshow.html](http://www.ands.org.au/events/roadshow.html)

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**Australian National Data Service (ANDS) aims to:**

- influence national policy in the area of data management in the Australian research community
- inform best practice for the curation of data
- transform the disparate collections of research data around Australia into a cohesive collection of research resources

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