



## **Constitution of Bioclues.org, India**

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### **Nomenclature**

The name of this organization shall be Bioclues.org ([www.bioclues.org](http://www.bioclues.org)), acronymed for Bioinformatics club for experimenting scientists.

### **History**

Bioclues.org was founded virtually in October 2005 by Prashanth Suravajhala and Pritish Varadwaj. More details about the non-profit organization can be found at [www.bioclues.org](http://www.bioclues.org). Bioclues.org serves as a hub for mentor-mentee relationships through virtual projects. The organization was registered as a society/trust as per Registrar of Societies act with the address: #3-14, SBH Colony, Munaganur, Hayatnagar, Hyderabad 501511, Telangana ( erstwhile AP), India. The following are the founding members also henceforth called as core members ( erstwhile Bioclues Executive Team~ BET members):

1. Prashanth Suravajhala
2. Jayaraman K Valadi
3. VS Sundararajan
4. Renuka Suravajhala
5. Pritish Varadwaj
6. Sivaramaiah Nallapeta (Sheev)
7. SAP Sastry (Legal Adviser)

The core members have the right to induct new core members who will run the due course of activities for Bioclues organization. The core members have the right to remain in BET which is responsible for executing the tasks of society every tear through the core members.

## Purpose and Mandates

It must be understood here that Bioinformatics developments in India have had a hyped influence than the broad sense of the words, unstated between Computational Biology and Bioinformatics. It is the purpose of this Organization to promote the interaction amongst students and scientific professionals through upcoming and budding fields like Systems Biology. With this objective, international meetings, virtual meetings shall be organized for the presentation and discussion of research at the interface of the multi-faceted disciplines. The Organization will have to support, from time to time, other activities, by organizing trade and industrial shows, educational seminars, colloquiums, workshops so that the student-researchers are ignited in the upcoming areas. Overall, as decisively framed in 2008, the Organization would have four avenues, viz., Mentoring, Outreach, Research and Entrepreneurship (MORE). The Organization will seek cooperation with the existing school-based clubs and bring them to a common platform through the forum at <http://groups.google.comgroup/bioclues> and also through LinkedIn and Facebook. A twitter account with the handle “@bioclues” and several whatsapp groups with community pages have also been created to be a part of the social network.

## Membership

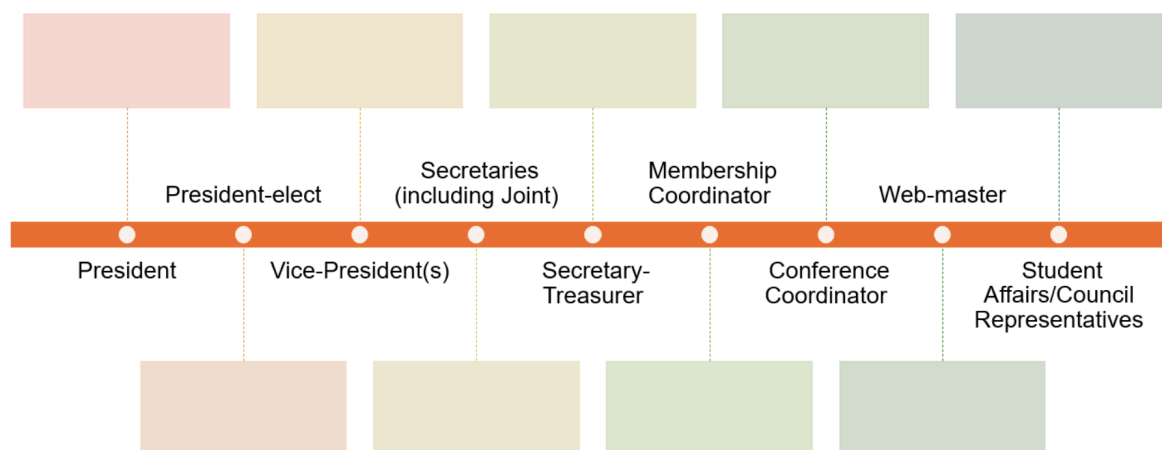
Any person or institution interested in the purposes of the Organization may obtain membership on the recommendation of at least one member of the Organization. However, online membership for the forum is absolutely free. The membership (on site, or henceforth called as Life Membership) includes reduced fee for conferences and newsletters may be sent to your physical addresses in the near future. The prospective member must be either an undergraduate or graduate in any area across biology or computer science, physics, mathematics all coming under the roof of core bioinformatics. The full-time membership structure is given in the following table. It is being updated from time to time at bioclues.org. Starting August 3, 2024, all Core Members agreed to increase the membership fee from 2000 INR to 3000 INR and the equivalent of 100 USD for overseas members.

Membership/Fees	India (INR) /yr	Overseas member (\$) /yr
Researchers from India	3000	50
Industry-representative	8000	100

## Officers and Committee

The Core Members and Founder(s) decides will ensure the BET officers of the Organization shall consist of a

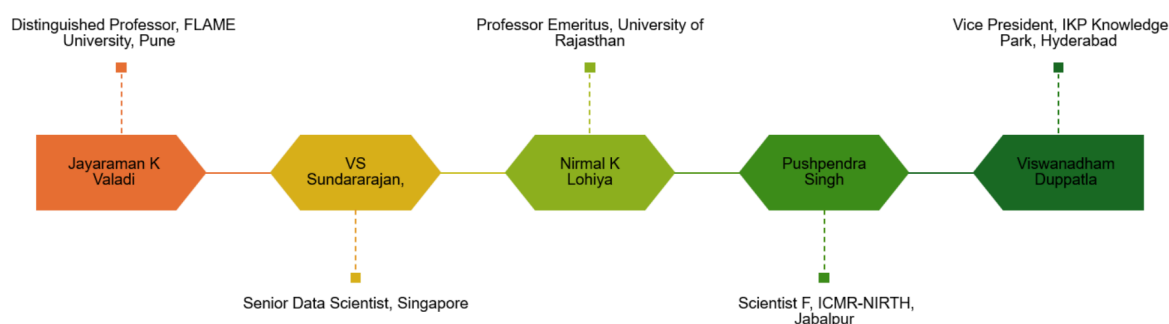
President, President-elect, Vice-President(s), Secretaries (including Joint), Secretary-Treasurer, Membership Coordinator, Conference Coordinator, Web-master, and Student Affairs/Council Representatives.



The governing body includes all above excepting the latter two who are intended as student portfolios. Certain portfolios may be amended in such a way that the tasks may be shared by Core Members. The Vice-President may be the most recent Past-President or even President-elect of the Organization. The board remains for every year and elections are called and franchise finalized by December 1st week so that the new board starts their office from December or succeeding alternative #Inbix event every year. However, keeping in view of the virtual status of the Organization, all portfolios are not necessarily filled-up and it is unto the discretion of the Founder and the Core Members. The Core Members would entail and oversee all the activities of the Organization. As of now, the on-site office was existing at Pratap Reddy's office office venue: #684-685, 1st Floor, Obula Reddy Complex, Vivekananda Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad - 500072, Telangana, India. The office address could be moved to SBH colony, Munaganur, Hayatnagar, Hyderabad where officially registered. Currently SAP Sastry resides there. The Meetings could be held at least once a month by BEt with core members attending it and ensure that the minutes are recorded along with budget sets in online excel sheets where appropriate. In the event that a member of the committee member ceases to perform his duties through unavoidable reasons, incapacitating illness, resignation, or other like cause, the vacancy so created shall be filled by the core members during the concurrent/next year by which time the present board members may have to share and take up the responsibilities. No person shall serve for a portfolio in the committee for two consecutive terms, excepting only that a person may serve as an officer of the Organization for one term. However, again it is unto the discretion of the Core to decide this. In the event of unlikeliness of the Core being active, the Founder(s) discretion may be acted upon.

All the erstwhile advisers could not make it to several meetings and the Core has now anointed the following members as Advisers:

- Jayaraman K Valadi, Distinguished Professor, FLAME University, Pune
- VS Sundararajan, Senior Data Scientist, Singapore
- Nirmal K Lohiya, Professor Emeritus, University of Rajasthan
- Pushpendra Singh, Scientist F, ICMR-NIRTH, Jabalpur
- Viswanadham Duppatla, Vice President, IKP Knowledge Park, Hyderabad



As of July 23, 2024, the following are the Core Members, alias Board of Directors:

**Core Members:** Prashanth N Suravajhala, Prithvi Varadwaj, Renuka Suravajhala, Jayaraman K Valadi, VS Sundararajan, Sivaramaiah Nallapeta and Anant Sastry

#### **Bioclues Executive Team Members for 2022-'24**

- President: Gyaneshwer Chaubey
- Secretary: Sri Manjari K
- Joint Secretary: Himani sharma
- Entrepreneurship chair: Kiran K Telukunta
- Outreach chair: Anil Kumar S
- Research/Mentoring chair: Prash N Suravajhala

All the Core Members are alias at [core@bioclues.org](mailto:core@bioclues.org), while Advisers of Bioclues are alias at [advisers@bioclues.org](mailto:advisers@bioclues.org) and BEt at [bet@bioclues.org](mailto:bet@bioclues.org).

#### **Nomination and Election of Officers**

At a suitable time prior to an election (usually during mid of the year), a Nominating Committee (usually one of the Core members or the Founder) may be enacted consisting of five members of the Organization, drawn across groups and elections will be called through the website. The

word “election” may be just for name sake, but we shall ensure all members are anointed unanimously. The Nominating Committee shall, in making its nominations, give due consideration to the desirability of the membership of the Organization. The members must at least be available for 66% of the meetings failing which s/he may not be represented as a portfolio during next elections, E-Ballots, if any shall be returned automatically through Bioclues mailing list. If at all, there is a tie vote for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, the President of the Organization shall exercise a casting vote to determine the person or persons elected. Above all, it is unto the discretion of the Founder/Core Members to come and reach a consensus.

### **Meetings, Symposia and Colloquiums**

A meeting of the Organization for the purpose of conducting technical sessions or symposia shall be held at least once every semester, and we shall ensure no less than 1 year shall elapse between the consecutive meetings. The virtual conferences are also organized through Bioclues.org virtual classroom. This would be taken care of by the conference organizer in unison with Board Members. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Organization shall report by mail to the membership of the Organization on the activities from time to time. There will be no obligations for individual members to pay, while voluntary contributions will be welcome so as to help the Organization raise funds for the under-privileged sections of the researchers who may not attend conferences held from time to time. The money may be used for their travel fare/scholarships against their presentation of high-impact research. The payment of the dues is done in the name of a Treasurer, through which a bank account will have to be opened.

### **Bank Account**

We bank with State Bank of India and the account has been existing since 2012 at the State Bank of Hyderabad, Jupiter Colony Branch. All membership fees have been routed through Payu portal since 2015 with Renuka, Sheev and Prash as signing authorities. For transactions to be approved, the board will liaise with the members through [bet@bioclues](mailto:bet@bioclues) approved by [core@bioclues.org](mailto:core@bioclues.org); after follow-up, the transaction will be initiated. However, for any transaction, it must be noted that the privileged persons should take the verbal or email approval of all Board of Directors.

The constitution was initially compiled by Prashanth Suravajhala, in association with all Core Members.

Renewed Version 0.9 with the approval of all members signed here virtually after the meeting held on July 15, 2024, 1830 hrs IST.

Prashanth N Suravajhala

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