

Preface

The Brazilian Symposium on Bioinformatics (BSB, *Simpósio Brasileiro de Bioinformática*) is an international scientific conference with focus on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, Systems Biology, Biomedical Informatics and related areas. It is organized every year by the Brazilian Computer Society (*Sociedade Brasileira de Computação* – SBC), under the steering of the Special Committee for Computational Biology (*Comissão Especial de Biologia Computacional* – CE-BioComp), which is presently coordinated by Sérgio Lifschitz (PUC-RJ) and co-coordinated by Kele Belloze (CEFET-RJ). BSB 2024 was the 17th edition of the conference, taking place in December 2–4, 2024, at Cidade da Inovação, Instituto Federal do Espírito Santo (IFES), Vitória, Brazil. Vitória is the capital of Espírito Santo, a state located in the Brazilian southeast.

BSB 2024 had as general chair Sérgio Nery Simões (IFES) and as vice-general chair Karin Satie Komati (IFES). The Local Organization Committee also had as members Francisco de Assis Boldt (IFES), Hilário Tomaz Alves de Oliveira (IFES), and Leandro Colombi Resendo (IFES). The Technical Program Committee (TPC) of this year was composed of 44 members from Brazil and also from Canada, France, Germany, Mexico, Portugal, and the USA. The symposium two tracks of this year, accepting contributions in the form of full and short papers, received a total of 33 full paper submissions, with 20 works being accepted, and a total of 7 short paper submissions, with 2 of them being accepted. The submitted articles were evaluated through a single-blind review process, with each paper having at least two independent reviews. The 22 accepted papers were presented at the conference by one of their authors at one of the four technical sessions held during BSB 2024, and now they have their archival versions in these annals.

Apart from the technical sessions, the conference had a mini-course (“Introduction to Machine Learning for Bioinformatics”) and two poster sessions, alpha and beta, in which 59 posters were presented. BSB 2024 also counted four internationally renowned keynote speakers: Peter Stadler (Leipzig University, Germany), Giancarlo Guizzardi (University of Twente, the Netherlands), Yayoi Natsume-Kitatani (NIBIOHN, Japan), and Maria Emilia Machado Telles Walter (University of Brasília, Brazil). Maria Emilia Walter was the honored researcher of this year, “in recognition of her dedication and exceptional contribution to the advancement of Bioinformatics and the training of students throughout a brilliant career”. Thank you so much, Maria Emilia!

We also thank everyone who made BSB 2024 such a successful event, with around 100 (one hundred) delegates from Brazil and abroad: the TPC members, the local organization members, and volunteers, the keynote speakers, the session chairs, the several researchers that helped in the evaluation of the works presented during the poster sessions, SBC and CNPq for their support. Nominally, we also thank the best paper evaluation board (João Carlos Setubal, Alberto Paccanaro, and Maribel Hernandez) and the instructor of the mini-course offered during the conference (Ronaldo Nogueira). Last but not least, we thank all the authors who made contributions to this conference, either in the form of paper or poster abstract, and the conference delegates; thank you very much, and we hope to see you all again in BSB 2025!

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