

## **The Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics and the EMBnet organisation**

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The combined expertise of the nodes allows EMBnet to provide services to the European molecular biology community which encompasses more than can be provided by a single node. It publishes EMBnet.news, the letter devoted to provide information about what is happening at the national and specialist nodes.