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CTLS 2025 Congress

The [CTLS 2025 Congress](#) preparations are in full swing and the esteemed keynote speakers José Luis Martínez Peña, Kristina Djinovic Carugo, and Ed Mitchell have already confirmed their attendance. Ten more speakers are also confirmed.

There will be an opportunity to select additional speakers through the abstract submission option until March 2025. Take advantage of this opportunity to get a slot for an oral presentation, a flash talk, or even a poster session. Visit the [CTLS 2025 website](#) for more information.

**Core Technologies for
Life Sciences Congress 2025**
Brno, Czech Republic, 10 - 12 June 2025

**SEE OUR INVITED
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



José Luis Martínez Peña
ESFRI Chair



Kristina Djinovic Carugo
Head of EMBL Grenoble

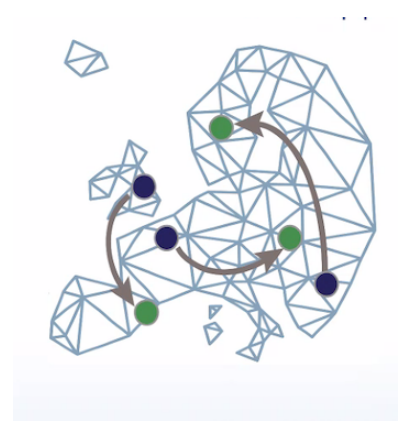


Ed Mitchell
Head of Business Development
at ESRF

CTLS Shadowing and Staff Exchange Programme

The [2024 programme](#) is now closed. We received an excellent response from the community, and applications are currently under review. If you submitted a letter of intent, please ensure you send a full proposal by 31st August.

Please contact Ilaria Guerini (CTLS Training Working Group Lead for the Shadowing and Staff Exchange Focus Group) at shadowing@ctls-org.eu if you have any questions.



'Managing a Bioinformatics Core Facility'

Registration is now open for the '[Managing a bioinformatics core facility](#)' course. This is a EMBL-EBI course run in association with Rltrain Plus.

Date: 29th to 31st October 2024

Location: EMBL-EBI Main Building, Hinxton
CB10 1SD



This is a knowledge exchange workshop to learn from EMBL-EBI's service teams, and from each other. It includes sessions to learn from bioinformatics service providers, hear how others have tackled common problems, and work together to design core services, resource them, and measure their impact. This workshop is aimed at new and experienced managers of bioinformatics core facilities, or other facilities that support their users to analyse and interpret large biomolecular data sets.

Check out the [course webpage](#) to learn all about this course and to register.
Registration closes on 28th July.

Register now for the BioImagingUK meeting in September!

Work in a bioimaging? Register [here](#) for the BioImagingUK meeting in The Crick Institute in London on 30th September 2024.... only a few places left!

This meeting provides an opportunity for the UK Bioimaging community



to discuss priorities and strategies in national infrastructure, technology development, training, and careers. The morning workshop will focus on encouraging uptake of advanced bioimaging technology in core facilities. In the afternoon, three short sessions will discuss updates, opportunities and initiatives

in UK funding, technical career paths, and community engagement. There will be interactive Q+A sessions to encourage discussion and enable emerging priorities and ideas to be highlighted.

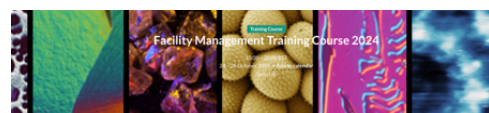
European Microscopy Congress 2024



The European Microscopy Congress 2024 (emc2024) will be held 25th to 30th August 2024 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

This congress brings the world of scientific imaging together in Europe's largest event dedicated to Microscopy

RMS Facility Management Training Course 2024



The RMS Facility Management Training Course 2024 will be held on 24th and 25th October 2024 at the University of York, UK.

This is an intensive in-person course equipped to give you the basic knowledge to enable you to run a core facility

and Imaging.

Click [here](#) to find out more, and to register... noting that online **registration closes on 27th July!**

effectively. There will be tips and tricks throughout from experienced experts in the area. It is geared towards all levels, from those experienced in running a core lab to those looking to move in to this field as a career.

Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

New bigger and better Community Engagement Working Group!

The Community Engagement and Communications Working Groups have merged, maintaining the name of Community Engagement Working Group for the new larger group.

Michael Pancher is the chair of this new Community Engagement Working Group.

This new Community Engagement working group will include four Focus Groups, called Communication Tools, Webinars & Activities, Alliance Building and Diversity & Inclusion. Here is an outline below, with the Focus Group chairs. Further information on Focus group members, and details of activities are coming soon... as is the new Community Engagement Working Group webpage... look out for updates!



Communication Tools

Responsible for leading the website, newsletter and CTLS social networks
Chair: Jane Chappelle

Webinars and Activities

Responsible for organising webinar series and activities, selecting relevant topics and engaging content for the CTLS community:

Chair: Krzysztof Skowronek

Alliance Building

This group aims to streamline communication, synchronize goals and priorities, and cultivate connections among CTLS members across active groups. It ensures collaborative efforts among partners towards shared objectives. Alliance members encompass individuals, organizations, businesses, and other groups invested in CTLS.

Chair: Michael Pancher

Diversity and Inclusion

Responsible of developing and refining policies and guidelines related to diversity, equity and inclusion to share within the CTLS community.

Chair: Natalie Homer

Please email Michael Pancher (communications@ctls-org.eu) if you have any questions or comments.

Partnership and Funding Working Group activities

The Partnership and Funding Working Group have been busy with lots of exciting new initiatives.... read on to find out more...

Core Admin Book

- This is being written and compiled through collaboration with [ABRF](#) (Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities) and CTLS. This activity is being led by Josh Rappoport.



ABRF-CTLS collaboration

- After a MoU (memorandum of understanding) with ABRF, a task force has been created to explore specific ways to work together and ensure

a consistent flow of communication of existing opportunities between our societies. Task force members are Michael Pancher and Josh Rappoport from CTLS, and Joe Dragavon and Rui Gardner from ABRF.

Core4Life

- Julia Fernandez Rodriguez and Geert Van Minnebruggen have started having discussions.

OSCARS (Open Science Clusters' Action for Research & Society)

- 1st Open Call for Open Science Projects and Services: EMBL + Euro-BioImaging + Instruct-ERIC + CTLS + Core4Life. The project should develop support mechanisms for RI tech developers/experts (from CTLS and Core4Life), helping them make their new technologies or methods from the beginning compatible with Open Science (OS) and FAIR principles.
- OSCARS brings together world-class European Research Infrastructures (RIs) in the ESFRI roadmap and beyond to foster the uptake of Open Science in Europe.

Please email the working group (partnership@ctls-org.eu) if you have any questions or comments.

CTLS membership

Remember to invite your colleagues and friends to join us!



CTLS membership has many benefits including:

- Reduced rates and priority registration at CTLS congresses and events
- Access to CTLS sponsored trainings at preferred rates
- Networking opportunities with other core facility staff
- Access to CTLS webpages with news, job listings and event

Click [here](#) to renew or join.



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