



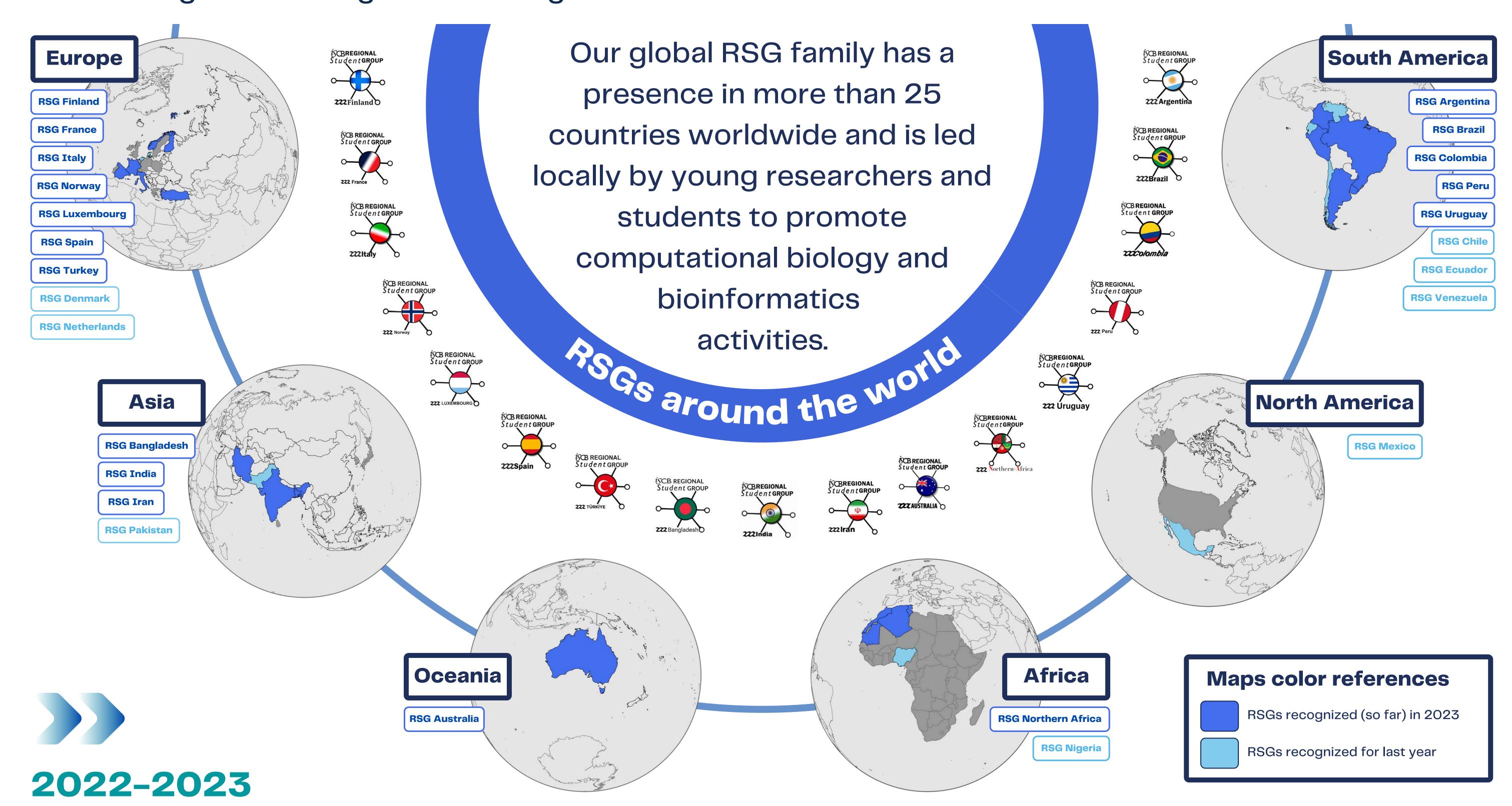


ISCB Student Council Regional Student Groups: Connecting young computational biologists around the Globe

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The ISCB Student Council started the 'Regional Student Groups' (RSG) program in 2006 to facilitate interactions between local young scientists and students in computational biology and bioinformatics across the globe. RSGs have developed a platform for young computational biology researchers and students at local regions to nurture networking potential and foster bioinformatics education, thus overcoming the challenges in their regional communities.



Glimpses of activities organized by the local RSG communities for young researchers and students in bioinformatics and computational biology.

RSGs organize a wide variety of events, such as symposiums, webinars, podcasts, workshops, courses, panel discussions, hackathons, scicomm & outreach, and networking events to disseminate science and provide training on cutting-edge computational biology, often in topics collaboration with local schools, organizations, and institutions.

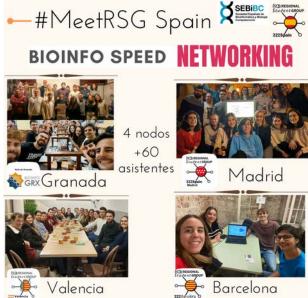
RSG committee's focus for the near future

- To expand the RSG community's presence and activities across Africa, Asia, and North America.
- To facilitate more in-person events, which stopped due to the covid-19 pandemic.
- To provide a platform for increased crossborder and inter-continental collaborations.

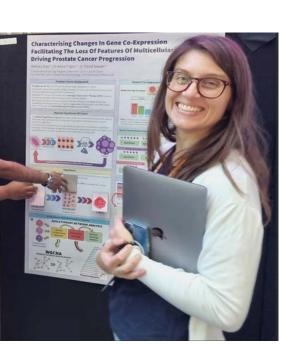




7th Argentine Symposium of Young Researchers in Bioinformatics (1st hybrid event)



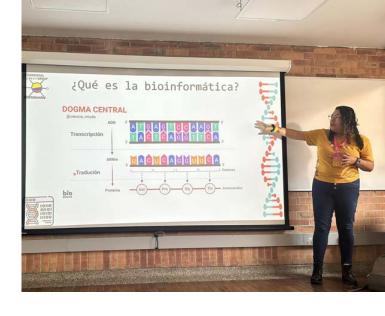
2nd BioInfo Speed Networking: "How I Got Here?" across Spain nodes, simultaneously



13th annual COMBINE Bioinformatics Student Symposium in Australia



9th annual RSG-Turkey Symposium



Introduction to biopython tools in collaboration with PyCon Colombia



"Meet the Bioinformatician" series in India



JeBiF Pubs - networking event over a drink in France



Brazilian Bioinformatics

League (LBB)



1st ISCB RSG Bangladesh CompBio Symposium



Cycle of Conferences in **Bioinformatics and Computational** Biology in Venezuela



Young BITS-RSG Italy Symposium at BITS Annual Meeting



Biggest collaboration among RSGs

In 2022, the 1st Symposium of Spanish-Speaking Students in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (SEH2Bioinfo) was organized, marking it the first bioinformatics event with extensive collaboration among Spanish-speaking RSGs: RSG Argentina, RSG Spain, RSG Ecuador, RSG Venezuela, RSG Colombia, RSG Chile, RSG Peru, and with secondary collaborations from RSG Costa Rica and RSG México. This event contributed to enhancing plurilingualism and linguistic diversity in science and bioinformatics, eliminating barriers to accessing scientific communication.

We acknowledge the support received by the ISCB and ISCB-SC leaders, the efforts of RSG leaders, and the participants of our activities around the globe.

If you are interested in knowing more about the RSGs or joining the RSG committee to help coordinate RSG activities or expand to new regions, please check the QR code.





