



4th Annual Rocky Mountain Bioinformatics Conference

December 1-3 2006

Aspen/Snowmass, Colorado

Silvertree Hotel

TOPIC: *“The Interview Process” tailored to landing that bioinformatics company position.*

FOCUS: This year’s panel discussion workshop continues to build on previous years. The Rocky 05’ Education Panel Discussion focused on the skill set needed for a successful career in bioinformatics. This years Education panel will be interactive focusing on the entire interview process from resume to negotiations once you are offered the position, including “on stage” student mock interviews with bioinformaticians from industry. Below is a set of questions we hope you will gain insight on how to tackle from participating in this workshop. **We encourage all participants of Rocky to take part in the Education Panel as it will be very interactive and your ideas, opinions, and thoughts will be invaluable to the success of this panel discussion.**

- ✚ What makes you and your resume shine among the crowd of other Bioinformatics applicants?
- ✚ How to market yourself and use your resume and cover letter to your advantage that lands you the interview with your organization of choice.
- ✚ What are the interview skills within the interview process that gets you the job offer?
- ✚ How and when to negotiate, once they have offered you the position?

FACILITATORS FOR SESSIONS:

KIRK JORDAN, IBM STRATEGIC GROWTH BUSINESS/DEEP COMPUTING

SUSAN TRAPP, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

SESSION I: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 4:00-5:00 PM

CREATING THE RIGHT BIOINFORMATICS RESUME TO LAND THE INTERVIEW A. THE RESUME B. THE COVER LETTER

10 MIN **THE RESUME & THE COVER LETTER** PRESENTATION BY INDUSTRY LEADER (**KIRK JORDAN**)

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30 MIN QUESTION ANSWER PERIOD & RESUMES CRITIQUE USING STUDENT/POSTDOC PARTICIPANTS (**TBA**)

SESSION II: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 4:00-5:00 PM

THE INTERVIEW & NEGOTIATIONS (AFTER THE OFFER): A MOCK INTERVIEW WILL BE PERFORMED LIVE ON STAGE FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION OF THE INTERVIEW PROCESS

10 MIN INTERVIEW OVERVIEW BY FACILITATOR KIRK JORDAN

10 MIN MOCK INTERVIEW: STUDENT (INTERVIEWEE) WITH INDUSTRY LEADER (**MIKE LELIVELT, AFFY**)

10 MIN MOCK INTERVIEW: (INTERVIEWEE) WITH INDUSTRY LEADER (**KIRK JORDON, IBM**)

5 MIN THE NEGOTIATIONS AFTER JOB OFFER OVERVIEW FACILITATOR KIRK JORDAN

25 MIN PANEL DISCUSSION WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS & QUESTIONS FROM AUDIENCE (3 PANELISTS **TBA**)