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For the past 30 years I have been dedicated to the creation, maintenance and distribution of biological information. The resources I have created all focus on providing curated information that facilitates exploration and discovery. As a member of the ISB executive board I will actively promote the advancement of the profession of biocuration. The work of biocurators is necessary for the advancement of science. Thus the continued funding of biocurators at biological resources is essential. ISB is important for the recognition of the outstanding and dedication of biocurators. As an essential component of scientific discovery we must enhance standards for curated datasets and stimulate their appropriate use by the community. I am a strong advocate for the ISB missions of connecting with our user communities, promoting funding of our resources, fostering an understanding of the importance of standards and acknowledgement of the valuable contribution of manual curation to biological research.

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