



Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to encourage your participation in a number of activities related to MIT's Computational and Systems Biology initiative (*CSBi*). *CSBi* is a new research and education effort at MIT, and its activities involve many departments, centers, and labs in the Schools of Engineering and Science and the Sloan School of Management.

An inaugural *CSBi* Symposium - highlighting ongoing research at the interface of biology, computation, and engineering - was held during IAP and attracted over 400 participants. As noted below, three additional *CSBi* events are being planned. Please let us know of your interest in these events and in being on a mailing list for future *CSBi* events by sending a brief note to csbi@mit.edu by March 19.



Faculty Town Meeting (31 March 2003, 5:00 pm in the Grier Room, 34-401): An evening meeting providing an open forum for discussion of potential *CSBi* activities by PI's and the *CSBi* executive committee.



***CSBi* Research Workshop** (10-11 April 2003, at the Cliff House in Ogunquit, Maine, 75 minutes from Cambridge): Community workshop, including students, aimed at presenting different research directions being pursued at MIT and identifying common themes and opportunities for collaboration. Participants will be expected to cover partial costs. Due to facility size, it may be necessary to limit attendance.



Poster Session and Barbecue: A late-spring/early-summer event for graduate students, postdocs, research staff, and PI's to share research interests and results in a relaxed social setting.

Other *CSBi* activities will be posted on the web site (<http://CSBi.mit.edu/>). Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions.

Sincerely,
The *CSBi* Executive Committee

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