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Informatics Updates October 21, 2016

October has been a busy month for those who submitted NIH grants. Earlier this week, I served on the NIH BD2K T32 Study Section. There are many outstanding data science and informatics programs competing for the second round of the training program. We are proud of being funded after the first round and being one of the 18 elite BD2K institutional training programs in the nation by April 2017.

While we have learned that there will be potential budget cuts on the general operation funds in the next two years (5% and then 2%) at MU, I am optimistic that we will keep striving for excellence and securing resources through federal funding and institutional support to grow our informatics community.

I hope you enjoy this weekend's Mizzou Homecoming parade, tailgating with alumni and friends, and the football game!

Chi-Ren Shyu, MUII Director

MUII to Host International Conference

IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM) 2017 will be hosted by MUII. Dr. Shyu will serve as the general chair of the conference, which will attract 350-400 researchers worldwide to Kansas City next November. IEEE BIBM is well known for high quality presentations with less than 20% of acceptance rate for full papers. Thanks to MUII faculty, alumni, and staff who have agreed to help with the technical program and organization of the conference.

IEEE Bioinformatics and BioMedicine (BIBM) 2017



Kansas City, Missouri, USA
November 13-16, 2017



Students in Action

Awatef Ben Ramadan, MUII health informatics doctoral student, has been awarded one of four Canadian Bureau for International Education 2016 CBIE Libyan Student Excellence Awards. Dr. Jeannette Jackson-Thompson is Awatef's advisor.

Veer Sangha, a junior at Hickman High School, has been selected to the AMIA 2016 High School Scholar Program (HSSP). His data mining research entitled "Contrast Mining Reveals Patterns in Autism Phenotypes and Demographics" was reviewed by two members of the HSSP Review Committee on importance to the field, scholarship, methodological contribution, and overall organization of the presentation. **Matt Spencer**, MUII bioinformatics doctoral student, is the graduate mentor for the project. AMIA will cover the

trip with free registration and hotel stays for Veer.

Congratulations!

Journal Club

The next journal club will be on 10/31/2016 from Noon to 1:00 pm (Student Center 2205A&B), right after the MUll seminar. Dr. Ilhoi Yoo will lead the discussion of the paper "***Data mining in healthcare and biomedicine: a survey of the literature***" by Yoo et al. Please RSVP to the [OrgSync website](#) so we can get an accurate headcount for pizza and soft drinks.

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