

EIC Farewell and New EIC Introduction

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It has been a great pleasure for me to serve as the Editor-in-Chief (EiC) for the *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (TCBB)* from January 2017 to July 2021. During my tenure as the EiC, the number of submissions to TCBB has increased dramatically over the years, and the quality of papers and turnaround time have been significantly improved. In addition, the impact factor of TCBB has been steadily going up, from 1.955 before my term started in 2016 to 3.71 in 2020 during my term, as shown in the table below. TCBB has become a highly competitive journal in the field of computational biology and bioinformatics.

Year	Impact Factor
2016	1.955
2017	2.428
2018	2.896
2019	3.015
2020	3.710

This is a collective effort and I owe lots of thanks to many people. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank those colleagues who have made my tenure as the EiC rewarding. First of all, I would like to thank the Associate Editor-in-Chiefs, Drs, Sun Kim and Yi Pan, for their dedicated efforts on organizing conference special issues and selective themes. Second, I would like to thank all associate editors for their diligent effort on handling the manuscript reviews. Third, I would like to thank the staff in the IEEE Computer Society publications office for their help in the review and publication process. It has been a long journey and I enjoyed working with everyone. Last, but not least, I would like to thank all of our authors and reviewers for

their support and hard work for TCBB during the past four and half years.

It is also my great pleasure to introduce Professor Srinivas Aluru to you as the next Editor-in-Chief of the *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (TCBB)*, who started his term on 1 August 2021. Srinivas has had a highly distinguished academic career in computational biology and will provide excellent leadership and experience to TCBB. Please join me in congratulating Srinivas on his appointment. His brief biography appears below. I wish the best for the future of TCBB under Srinivas' leadership.



Srinivas Aluru (Fellow, IEEE) is the executive director of the Institute for Data Engineering and Science (IDEaS) and professor with the School of Computational Science and Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology. He co-leads the NSF South Big Data Regional Innovation Hub and the NSF Transdisciplinary Research Institute for Advancing Data Science. He chaired the ACM Special Interest Group on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology, and Biomedical Informatics (SIGBio) from 2015 to 2021. He conducts research in high-performance computing, bioinformatics, computational genomics, and systems biology. He pioneered the development of parallel methods in computational biology and contributed to the assembly and analysis of complex plant genomes. His group is currently focused on developing bioinformatics methods for high-throughput sequencing, graph representations of genomes, single-cell biology, and network methods using mutual information, Bayesian, and machine learning approaches. He was the recipient of the NSF Career Award, IBM faculty Award, Swarnajayanti Fellowship from the Government of India, John. V. Atanasoff Discovery Award from Iowa State University, Outstanding Senior Faculty Research Award and the Outstanding Research Program Development Award at Georgia Tech, and IEEE Computer Society Golden Core and Meritorious Service Awards. He is a fellow of the AAAS, ACM, and SIAM.

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