

Core Technologies for Life Sciences (CTLS): A core facility association based in Europe

Abstract:

Core Technologies for Life Sciences (CTLS) is a European non-profit association of scientists and administrators that aims to support core facilities and research infrastructures in all fields of life sciences and biomedicine. CTLS was created in 2016, and is led by a Board of Directors, an Executive Committee, and an Administrative Director. The headquarters of CTLS is in Paris France, and CTLS currently has over 200 members from more than 20 countries in Europe and beyond, including USA, Japan, and Australia. CTLS has a series of Working Groups that focus on particular facets of the association: Membership, Funding and Corporate Relations, Communications, Networking and Outreach, and Training. There have been three biennial CTLS congresses, CTLS2014 (Institut Pasteur, Paris, France), CTLS2016 (EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany) and CTLS2018 (VIB, Ghent, Belgium). CTLS2020 will be held at the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon, Portugal, from 30 June to 2nd July, 2020. One main current focus for CTLS is networking, career development, and professional education for core facility scientists and administrators. CTLS also endorses and supports workshops and training activities, in particular those focusing on professional development of core facility scientists.

CTLS is also actively engaged with forging connections with other associations that support core facility science, such as ABRF, potential industrial partners, policy makers, funding bodies, and research consortia throughout the world. CTLS is a partner in the Catalog of Research Infrastructure Services (CatRIS) project, which is led by the European Science Foundation (ESF), and funded under the Horizon2020 Programme. CatRIS is creating a database portal that will facilitate more efficient access to core facilities and research infrastructures throughout Europe and beyond. Each of these exciting topics will be covered in detail at CTLS2020 in Lisbon this summer – we hope to see you there!

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