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## IUB holds workshop on Bioinformatics and Molecular Biology

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Faculties and students pose for a photo at the workshop organised by Independent University, Bangladesh. -- Press release photo

The Department of Life Sciences under the School of Environment and Life Sciences of Independent University, Bangladesh has organised a two and half day long technical skills development workshop titled 'Hands-on training: Bioinformatics and Molecular Biology' during May 11-13.

The inaugural ceremony of the event was open for all which started with the welcome address from the convenor of the workshop, Life Sciences Department Head Ashrafus Safa followed by the speech from the School of Environment and Life Sciences dean professor Shah M Faruque who highlighted the importance of organizing and participating in such hands-on training and its impact in the community.

Addressing as a special Guest, National Institute of Biotechnology Director General Md Salimullah talked about the prospects of Bioinformatics and Molecular Biology in the 21st century.

Renowned experts from a number of universities and research institutes conducted the training sessions alongside IUB faculty members. External experts included Dhaka University associate professor Md Ismail Hosen and BCSIR scientific officer Syed Muktadir Al Sium.

IUB experts included assistant professor Sabrina Elias, senior lecturer Tasnimul Ferdous, and lecturer Salman Khan Promon.

Students from IUB and several other private and public universities participated in the workshop. The event was concluded through an interactive open discussion session with the participants where IUB associate professors Ashrafus Safa, Mahmudul Hasan Sohel, and BCSIR senior scientific officer Murshed Hasan Sarkar were present as the panel speakers.

This hands-on training was aimed at helping undergraduate students develop primary skills related to bioinformatics and molecular biology techniques. At the open discussion session with the experts, students got the opportunity to share their research ideas, future goals and receive directions to develop their carrier in the field of Bioinformatics and Molecular Biology.



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