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GSC/BGI logoTo tie in with this week's Genomic Standards Consortium (GSC) [meeting](#) in Shenzhen, [GigaScience](#) is launching a call for submissions to a thematic series of discussion and research from the conference and wider community highlighting best practice in genomics research.

As the 13th meeting of the [GSC](#), the topic this year is "Genomes to Interactions to Communities to Models" – all areas key to the scope of the journal. As the conference is hosted by [BGI Shenzhen](#), the world's largest Genomics Organization, the overarching theme this year: "*the rise of the megasequencing project*", was part of the rationale for BGI to [launch](#) [GigaScience](#) with BioMed Central.

With Susanna-Assunta Sansone (co-founder of [BioSharing](#) – of which *BioMed Central* and [GigaScience](#) are both [members](#), [GigaScience](#) is co-chairing a panel on [Policies and Standards for Reproducible Research: from Theory to Practice](#), attended by a wide-spectrum of stakeholders in the production and handling of data such as editors (including Clare Garvey of [Genome Biology](#)), funders, databases and data-producers. On top of the novel publication format combining large-scale biological dataset hosting on the [GigaDB](#) database, [GigaScience](#) journal hopes this series can be a forum for discussion that can help further its aims to revolutionize data dissemination, organization, understanding, and use. [GigaScience](#) is also taking submissions on [cloud computing](#), software for data handling, and research highlighting best practices in use of standards and data-sharing for the series, as these are all key to open-up research as we enter the era of "big-data".

BGI is generously [covering](#) the open-access [article-processing charges](#) for the journal's first year, so please contact us at editorial@gigasciencejournal.com if you have related work you would like to submit to this series or journal, or submit a manuscript [here](#).

Follow the conference on Twitter at [@gigascience](#) and the [#gsc13](#) hashtag. Slides will be made available from [slideshare](#), [GigaBlog](#), and the conference [wiki](#).

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