2018-01100 - Image analysis of multicellular tissues

Contract type : Public service fixed-term contract
Renewable contract : Oui
Level of qualifications required : PhD or equivalent
Function : Post-Doctoral Research Visit

Context
INRIA has developed a strong expertise in mathematical modeling of biological systems with medical applications. Working closely with clinicians from several renowned French and German hospitals and one of the best biology and toxicology institutes in Germany, the team Mamba at its INRIA collaborators have been working on the liver for many years, developing models of liver lesions and regeneration, including tissue lesions of the micro-architecture of the liver. They are currently involved in various projects, including the study of fibrosis and cirrhosis to help the development of clinical treatments, the development of a liver created by bioengineering and the study of hepatic intoxication due to paracetamol. Recently, the activities are also extended to other diseases such as lymphoma of the central nervous system, where similar methodologies can be applied.

Assignment
The position will be under the main direction of D. Drasdo. It includes a collaboration with Hôpital Paul Brousse, Hôpital Universitaire La Pitié-Salpêtrière, Paris, Inst. Curie, and the INRIA team Monc / Bordeaux within two projects, one funded by ANR, the second by the Natl. Inst. of Cancer in France. This requires regular meetings with medical doctors.

The candidate should develop image analysis methods and pipelines to quantify image information of mainly images at the histological level. This concerns images of liver micro-architecture, in vitro systems and lymphomas of the central nervous system (PCNSL). The image information will subsequently be used to set up, parameterize, and validate mechanistic mathematical models. Hence, interest in/stat skills in modeling are welcome. As we use to provide our partners also with image analysis software, we encourage particularly the implementation of pipelines in TiQuant (Friebel et. al., Bioinformatics, 2015).

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The candidate should meet with clinicians and coordinate our image analysis activities with the interface of other disciplines. Inria works with many companies and has assisted in the creation of over 160 startups. It strives to meet the challenges of the digital transformation of science, society and the economy.

Main activities
- Image analysis of clinical histological images and images from non-invasive imaging modalities.
- Implementation into re-usable software, preferably TiQuant. The latter permits direct use to biological and clinical partners and implementation of pipelines in clinical environments.
- Interaction and coordination of our group’s activities with our partners from Hôpital Universitaire La Pitié-Salpêtrière, Paris, Inst. Curie, and the INRIA team Monc / Bordeaux.
- Reporting about our activities.

Skills
Technical skills and level required: image analysis, programming, ideally in C/C++ and matlab because of existing codes. Operating systems are Linux, Windows and MacOX.

Languages: English mandatory, French would be very desirable.

People should be open to other scientific cultures and working in an international team.

Benefits package
- Subsidised catering service
- Partially-reimbursed public transport

Remuneration
- Location: Paris 12ème
- Gross Salary per month: according to experience

Security and defense procedure:
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General Information
- Theme/Domain : Modeling and Control for Life Sciences
- Scientific computing (BAP E)
- Town/city : Paris
- Inria Center : CR de Paris
- Starting date : 2019-01-01
- Duration of contract: 12 months
- Deadline to apply : 2018-12-31

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About Inria
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The keys to success
The candidate should be ready to work in an interdisciplinary team and communicate with biologists and medical doctors. Large level of independency would be welcome.

Background and knowledge in interdisciplinary research in relation to biology and medicine, image analysis in biological systems, and knowledge in programming is required. Ideally this is mathlab, C++, Python ...

Moreover, knowledge in mathematical modeling of biological systems is appreciated.

The candidate will partially have to extend existing code in C++ or matlab.

English is compulsory, French would be of great advantage.

Conditions for application

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