

Guest lecture

"Why I left my job - the quest for better research data sharing"

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Fiona Nielsen

Fiona Nielsen, founder and CEO of DNAdigest and Repositive, is a bioinformatics scientist turned entrepreneur. She used to work at Illumina developing tools for interpretation of next-generation sequencing data and analysing cancer and FFPE samples sequenced on the latest technology. There she realised how difficult it is to find and get access to genomics data for research, which led to DNAdigest being founded as a charity to promote best practices for efficient and ethical data sharing - aligning the interests of patients and researchers. In August 2014 Repositive Ltd was spun out of DNAdigest as an entity to develop and provide a novel software tools and mechanisms for sharing of data, including a data brokering mechanism, enabling easy access to anonymised aggregated data. Fiona was nominated for the 2013 WiSE award for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Fiona studied bioinformatics in Odense and went through both a PhD in the Netherlands and a job at Illumina before she decided to create her own job through the charity DNAdigest and the company Repositive. What made her choose this career? And what did she learn along the way? Join this presentation to hear the story and ask all your questions.

Host: Søren Fisker Schmidt, Postdoc, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, SDU.