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We track the total number of visitors to our Web site, the number of visitors to each page of the Web site, and the domain names of our visitors' Internet service providers. No personally identifiable information is gathered in this process.

Updating Your Information

If at any time you wish to stop receiving e-mails or other communications from us, or if you have submitted personally identifiable information through our Web site and would like to have that information deleted from our records, please notify us at membership@aibs.org. You may also request access to personal data about you that AIBS holds and you may have the opportunity to request a correction or amendment to your personal data.

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We do not collect personal information from any person we actually know is under the age of 18.

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