Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

August 10th at 4 PM EST

Members: Maria, Kozo, Aedin, Lori, Johannes, Daniela, Estefania, Kevin, Mike, Hédia, Xueyi, Leo, Nicole, Janani, Umar, Stevie, Luyi, Jiefei, Jordana, Enis, Mengbo

Guest

Attending: Kevin, Johannes, Maria, Leo, Kozo, Jiefei, Mengbo, Stevie, Hedia, Nicole

Regrets: Janani, Lori

Guests:

Schedule

:00 - :05: Welcome!

:05 - :06 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting

July Minutes approved

:06 - :19 Hacktoberfest planning

- Refer to minutes of 2023-04-13 meeting to identify action items.
  - Register for account on Major League Hacking. This is required both for attending as well as event creation. [Kevin suggested to register].
  - Within August: register account, invite package maintainers.
  - Compose tweet(s) and shared with Maria
    - Attract owners of repositories willing to take part (e.g. tidybioc).
      [within August] Encourage them to prepare (create issues, starting points etc) ahead of time. Tell them what they need to do ("pre-ptember").
    - Attract contributors, i.e. those who will submit pull requests during October.
    - Let people know about Bioconductor Slack #hacktoberfest channel
  - Keep an eye out for the virtual event kit for social media promotion that is usually provided by DigitalOcean as ZIP file from website around the beginning of September.
  - Idea for future BioC conference(s): spread the word about hacktoberfest during conference to organize, involve interested maintainers etc.

:20 - :29 BioC2023 feedback

- Hedia (attending in-person): only good feedback.
- Leo (attending virtually): presentation was scheduled at the last minute, but all good (would still be better to settle things, schedule in advance); in person
attendance would be better. Invite speakers more frequently to help people from more distant countries.

- Mengbo (attending in-person): first time attending. Did not like the parallel sessions. Minimal discussion in the session (and only a few attendees).
- Stevie (attending in-person): only 15 people in room for workshop, but conversation and feedback great.
- Suggestion (Stevie): better manage parallel workshops, don’t run a established “superstar” developer against early career/less established developers/presenters. Or, use established developer to attract people to workshop (she/he then being the chair for the others).
- Maybe bring the developer day back. Maybe call it “community day” or similar to be less exclusive (to the user). More experienced developers explaining Bioconductor/packages or S4 classes better (also e.g. how to build a Bioc package). Possible examples: annotation workshop, MultiAssayExperiment workshop etc.

:30 - :44 Bioc student council [skipped, Aedin not present]

:45 - :54 CAB Regular Working Groups Reports

Reminder: PR http://workinggroups.bioconductor.org and update

- Website redesign update (Maria).
  - Finishing up this redesign phase with NearForm this week. Preview: http://redesign-bioconductor-staging.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com
  - Lori will meet with NearForm next week for handover.
  - Will discuss with Lori, would it be good to have another website working group to e.g. discuss/decide on some content reorganisation, suggestions from survey feedback. This will be discussed in September meeting.

- Social media (Maria)
  - For BioC2023, Anna Powell, digital media & journalism intern created speaker spotlight series, keynote spotlights, testimonials, countdown, launch posts
  - Will ask EuroBioc and BioCAsia if they want anything similar.

- Licensing Discussion | Nicole (licensing and industry working group) needed for this discussion
  - Is the blog post / advice on licensing close to being completed so we can proceed with contacting the license violators that Charlotte found to try to bring to compliance? (Not on Bioc Blog yet)
  - Need to catch up with Nicole on the status.
  - No update for now!
  - Nicole: working on youtube video to explain licenses in open source space. Will discuss further in the next workgroup meeting. Blog post will then follow.

:55 - :00 Other Business
- New member agenda items? Create or join working groups working group github repo