Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

February 13, 2025

1 pm GMT Apr – Oct '25
10 pm GMT Nov '25 – Mar '26

Members: Aedin, Enis, Hédia, Janani, Jasmine, Jiefei, Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Leo, Lluís, Lori, Luyi, Maria, Mengbo, Nicole, Oluwatobilola (Tobi), Stevie, Umar, Xueyi, Zahraa

Attending: Lori, Kevin, Mengbo, Kozo, Janani, Stevie, Maria, Xueyi, Lluís
Regrets: Zahraa, Jasmine, Leo, Aedin, Enis, Hedia, Jeifei, Johannes, Luyi, Nicole, Tobi, Umar
Guests: NA

Schedule
:00 - :5 Welcome + Review minutes from previous meeting for posting
    [January Minutes](#)

:5 - :7 Action items from last meeting
[ ] not started, [-] ongoing, [?] status unknown/feedback required, [C] canceled, [X] done.
- [x] **Lori/Stevie/Janani:** time change based on poll for new meeting time and send new invites
    - **1 pm GMT Apr - Oct**
    - **10 pm GMT Nov - Mar**
- [x] **Janani**: Blog post on R-Ladies engagement. Now [live on R-Ladies](#)! Will reactivate the working group soon after the tandem release of the blog post. (`#r-ladies`)
- [x] **Maria**: set up a joint public channel with the Galaxy community for ongoing communication before and after GBCC2025. Maria will discuss with the communication person from Galaxy (Natalie's replacement).
- [?] **Nicole**: reach out on Slack to see if there are interested people to join the industry working group. Otherwise, update the status of the working group.
- [-] **Lori/Maria:** Start/Advertise an "Event" working group that can be workshops, capentries, conferences, etc…. (Ellis, Hedia, Kozo)
- [-] **Lluis:** Bioconductor attendance at annual useR!

:7 - :20 Share how you would like to contribute to CAB.
E.g., which working groups are you interested in? Would you like to start any new ones?
Which communities would you like to engage/bridge with CAB?
Jasmine:

- I am interested in working with the R-Ladies working group.

Mengbo:
- Started Postdoc this year.
- Spatial and proteomics data: Breathe new life into this working group

Xueyi (moved to next time, if we continue with Zoom in Feb)
- Advance China Bioconductor groups and assist with translation efforts

Zahraa:
- I am interested in working with the R-Ladies working group.

Janani
- Publication working group (Workflow working group is also looking at publication aspect of code/workflow with paper aspects – Stevie will make sure invited to future meetings)
- R-ladies working group (lead)
    - Joint events, satellite events, roster of participation/teaching

Last time: Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Lluís, Maria, Stevie, Tobi
Next time: Aedin, Leo, Lori, Enis, Hedia, Jiefei, Nicole, Umar, Luyi

:20 - :40 BiocClasses Discussion [Lluis]

- Considering moving from S4 to S7
- Tidyverse to Bioconductor
- New efforts too that might be related: https://github.com/Bioconductor/BiocHowTo
- Blog posts or 10-15 min little tutorials
- Perhaps reach out to education/capentries committee
- Hopefully developers-forum revamp that Maria is in charge of will be a good platform
- Can we expand this list and revamp it (doesn't have to be core team developed anything the community is finding useful in Bioconductor) https://contributions.bioconductor.org/important-bioconductor-package-development-features.html#reusebioc
- #biocclasses community slack
- Repository: https://github.com/Bioconductor/BiocClassesWorkingGroup

:40 - :45 Governance discussion [Lori]

- Lori: review proposed changes
- Lori: will create voting form that will be distributed via email/slack with deadline for voting on changes

:45 - :50 BiocAwards working group [Lori]

- Needs new lead and members as current group is not going to continue (Maria may be willing to help/advise but cannot lead)
- The conference is earlier this year: June instead of Aug! Means call for nominees should get out ASAP!
- There are forms from past years that can literally be copied and updated for the current year
- [BiocAwards Website Page](#)
- Main tasks:
    - Create timeline of deadlines based on conference date
    - Alter nomination form and PR website with info
    - Post on all social media multiple times for nominees
    - Create clean spreadsheet for voting (removing ineligible and ordering multiple and hiding nominator information)
    - Send and tally votes to voting committee (TAB/CAB members)
    - Create write ups and coordinate award ordering with Erica of conference committee
- Will post on #cab to make sure those who were absent today can still step up! (Maybe's: Lluís, Maria)

:50 - :55 Blog/Slack Post From CAB [Stevie]
SP will get us a draft ASAP for CAB review.

:55 - :60 CAB/TAB information exchange [Lori]
(permanent item to allow information exchange between CAB and TAB)
- Review U24 renewal | Vince is leading this effort.
- Working group updates: Spatial, Cloud, Herve's benchmarking work, BiocClasses S7 presentation (YouTube link; speaker: Michael Lawrence)
- Language Agnostic discussion
- Joint meeting proposed to TAB. Decided to use CAB's **April** Meeting time.

:60-:60 Other:
- CAB Elections - will stay in Aug but announce at meeting in June since the conference moved up in time due to coordination as a joining Galaxy/Bioc conference.
- Proposed joint CAB/TAB during our meeting time