Bioconductor Joint Agenda
Community Advisory Board (CAB) and
Technical Advisory Board (TAB)

April 10, 2025

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

Members CAB: Aedin, Enis, Hédia, Janani, Jasmine, Jiefei, Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Leo, Lluís, Lori, Luyi, Maria, Mengbo, Nicole, Oluwatobilola (Tobi), Stevie, Umar, Xueyi, Zahraa
Members TAB: Vince, Levi, Charlotte, Henrik, Helena, Laurent, Ludwig, Kasper, Stephanie, Wolfgang, Rafael, Lori, Michael, Davide, Jacques, Marcel, Hedia, Andres, Tobi, Alex,

Working Group Leads: Tyrone, Dario, Tim, Sehyun, Erdal, Sean
Core Team: Vince, Lori, Marcel, Alex, Andres, Herve

Attending: Lori, Kevin, Laurent, Lluís, Johannes, Stevie, Helena, Enis, Vince, Zahraa, Kozo, Xueyi, Dario, Erdal, Tim, Ludwig, Leo, Jacques, Wolfgang, Charlotte, Kasper, Sehyun, Aedin, Levi, Stephanie, Toby, Js, Alex, Andres
Regrets: Maria
Guests:

Schedule
:00 - :8 Welcome

:09 - :10 Governance
- Status of NumFocus
    - Transitioning to dissolve the USA Foundation of Bioconductor NA
- Defining a "Bioconductor Treasurer" to interact with NumFocus

:10 - :12 Pro-slack cannot continue
- Free slack means no extended history
- We can grab an archive for public channels but not for Private or DM
- Can we combine with the support site rollover to discourse this will consolidate some of the communication outlets?
- Zulip was suggested on slack
- Matrix might also be an alternative; talk with Galaxy at the conference as they may be using it.
- Also self-hosted mattermost might be yet another alternative.

:12 - :14 (Support Site BackEnd) Biostars to Discourse
- Core is investigating moving support site from biostars backend to discourse for improved maintenance and security

:15 - :21 Defining and Contributing to Bioconductor when listing in grant
- Defining a line item for Bioconductor in grants
- Listing appropriate funding if involving Bioconductor core
- Consulting agreements
- In EU: <5K no issues, 5-50K need 3 tenders
    - Maybe a standard write up to justify funding for Bioconductor

- EOSS/R03
    - Consulting agreements (up to $5K is typically no add'l paperwork)
    - Standard mechanism / boilerplate as with EU would be useful
    - Carpentries approach ("coordinate if you want an LoS") as model?

:22 - :31 Alternative Funding to Bioconductor
- Corporate Sponsors, Can we get Industry Involved?
    - The Industry Working group has gone inactive
- Outside Grants that we can apply?
- NumFocus should/could help with corporate or donations
- Pharma: push to move towards open source, R packages, etc. might be a good opportunity for collaboration
- Stronger collaboration with Genentech?
- https://www.opentargets.org/
- Can we get a working group going?
- Boilerplate write ups for listing Bioconductor or to include a core member in a grant?
- Kevin: https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/better-methods-better-research/ had a section "Supporting researcher-generated open-source software" in the application form asking "Does this project use researcher generated open-source software which you would like to see recognised?" I can share that section of the form (or all of it) as Word documents if anyone is interested.
- Kevin: I'm literally applying to this now https://www.software.ac.uk/research-software-maintenance-fund/round-1 (UK centric though).

:31 - :34 Promotion and Tracking of our efforts and activity
- Gather direct and indirect effects

:35 - :37 Interaction with CRAN/UseR
- Have more community representation to present the project

- Maybe presentations on Bioconductor overview/TAB/CAB/Important new Software
  - Advertise deadlines for submitting talks

:38 - :45 Create a partnership with [Physalia](#)

Several members of the Bioconductor community already teach for Physalia, a small teaching delivery company from Germany. Open up discussion to create a partnership.

:46 - :52 How to Support Bioconductor attendance at other conferences/meetings

Still waiting on submitted Grant to support Bioconductor North America Conference
- For keynotes and students

Other:

[Aedin]: EOSC / Interest in submitting Oscars grant if anyone is interested in a Bioconductor component

[Lluís]: Is the BBS still transitioning to r-universe/multiverse

      Yes, the Core is still transitioning. Two parts:

1. Using github as hosting canonical location instead of self hosted git.bioconductor.org
2. Using [r-universe](#)/[multiverse](#) for building

[Helena]: Thoughts on BiocHackathons

      Lori/Wolfgang - Yes

      working group to organize?

      Perhaps sub of education/training - will add to agenda of committee

      Europe Biohackathon. Deadline is April 14th

      https://biohackathon-europe.org/projects/