

# Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Minutes

13th August 2020

Attending: Kozo, Matt, Aedin, Saskia, Yagoub  
Guest Attendees: Vicky Hellon (F1000Research)  
Apologies: Lori, Johannes, Susan, Leonardo, Benilton

**Summary:** Update on the F1000Research Bioconductor gateway and planning for community events planned for the remainder of 2020.

Schedule

:00 - :05: Welcome!

:05 - :15: Review minutes from previous meetings [9th July 2020](#) and [23rd July 2020](#) and actions items:

## Completed

- BioC 2020 (well done Aedin & organising committee on a stellar job!)
- BioC 2020 CAB presentation
- Bioconductor awards: Lori Shepherd, Aaron Lun, Gordon Smyth, Helena Lucia Crowell (congrats to all!)
- BioC [CAB](#) and [TAB](#) stickers (thanks Jo!)
- CDSB 2020

## Action Items:

- Compile a list of presenters for H3ABioNet (Yagoub)
- Apply to BioC Foundation of North America for a budget
- Add July minutes to CAB Bioconductor webpage
- Add remaining BioC conferences for 2020 to BioC google calendar and BioC website (events page)

## Ongoing

- Revisit committees and working groups after further discussion of activities.
- Bioconductor Statement on Racial Diversity (Inclusivity and Empowerment) in support of the Black Lives Matter campaign.
- Working group between TAB and CAB to develop a project-wide Code of Conduct (members: Saskia, Leo, Yagoub, Aedin, Matt, Levi Waldron, Stephanie Hicks, Martin Morgan, Laurent, Johannes, Charlotte).
- Form a working group on Inclusion and Diversity
- Form an Education working group to work with Carpentries trainers etc.
- List of Current/Potential Funding applications (should be regular CAB agenda item)  
NSF, CZI Essential Open Source Software for Science (EOSS), CS&S event fund

:15 - :25: [F1000Research BioC channel](#) ([launch article](#)) (Vicky Hellon, F1000Research)

- Commenced in 2015, 63 articles, 29 posters and 21 slide decks. 47 days median time to pass peer review, 820 citations, > 550K total views
- Discussion re: new initiatives to help members of the the Bioconductor community publish their work
- Consider supporting the publication of training materials in other languages. However, the title and the abstract should be in English ('Translating Bioconductor materials into different languages' article).

:25 - :45: Bioconductor TAB & BioC Events update

Previously approved [TAB minutes](#) (July meeting)

Summary from most recent TAB meeting

- Discussed topics of interest for the community
- Discussed the code of conduct.
- Improving package building methods.

[BioC2020](#) (July 27-31) debrief

- Issues arising from the virtual platform i.e. communication, numbers of attendees accommodated. Consider other platforms for future virtual conferences.

[BioC Asia 2020](#) (October 15-18 (4 half days), virtual format). Organising committee meeting

held earlier today.

BioC Europe 2020 (December 9-11, virtual format). Will invite organiser to report on progress at next meeting

[Bio"Pack"athon](#) (September 9, October 14, November 11, December - schedule changed

from "every other Friday" to "the 2nd Wednesday" of every month (the day before the monthly CAB meeting, in most cases]). Summary:

- Small number of participants currently ([19 attendees](#)).
- [The training material is in Japanese.](#)
- Distributing the material on [video streaming channel](#).
- Aim to host BioC Asia 2021.

:45 - :55 Funding CAB activities

- CZI proposal did not go ahead this round (insufficient time allowed to submit through grant admin offices - will know better for next time). Can aim to submit one in the next round (Feb 2021). Improve and simplify the document for next round.
- BioC Foundation of North America may be able to fund some activities in the meantime

- Apply for other opportunities.

:55 - :60 Other business

- Review the diversity statements and code of conduct.