Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

9 th June 2022, 13:00 UTC

Members: Kozo, Matt, Aedin, Yagoub, Lori, Johannes, Susan, Leonardo, Benilton, Daniela, Estefania, Kevin, Mike, Hédia, Xueyi, Leo, Nicole, Janani

Attending:
Apologies:
Guests:

Schedule
:00 - :5: Welcome!

:5 - :6 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting
   5-12-22 Minutes

:7- :40 Discussion

- **TAB summary:**
    - TAB 6-2 agenda

    - If there are any comments that you would like shared for next TAB meeting, either new issues or in response to the above minutes, please make note of them here and we will make sure they get included

   Discussion of interest: update on keeping books up to date, sub-modules, OSCA broken down into different levels. Containers can provide a solution. Work on an edition per year?

AC: Explain the background for the OSCA book. Updating seems possible.
LL: Problem is general for all documentation and educational materials.
KR: Breaking the book into pieces may be the only possibility but combining into separate chapters. Discussions and examples provide a good reference.

- **BioC 2022**

   From last meeting:
    - Presentation Spot:
        - Introduction of working groups - general BoFI with BoFI for working groups that want to do their own
        - Social events to encourage meeting online and off
        - Nicole to suggest CAB sightseeing walking in-person conference.

- Hédia CAB [kahoot](#) or other games : need someone else to work on questions to put together. One month subscription at premium for 15 euros. 25 questions per game?

- See agenda for links to 2021 example/Bioc2022 draft

- **TODO:**
    - Susan made a preliminary version of the first two slides, please add correct links and affiliations (Aedin, Hedia, Janani, Xueyi).
    - Add information slides

- **2022 Goal: Community Engagement:**
Goal for 2022: organize community engagement, new people, and collaboration
IDEAS: Hackathon/ Translation-a-thon / Workshop Viewing Parties, online board to announce study assignment topics?
[TODO NEXT TIME] The role of online forums (e.g. Slack)?

Are we a community or a business like the ASA? (re- conference costs, budgets, sponsorship/ transparency, etc..)

Cost of BioC2022 in person is very high, we will try and track down the source of this big jump. We really want to keep a hybrid format and want to be inclusive as well. Going over the emails and data with Kevin, it seems one large jump occurred in 2019 when BioC was in New York, but this was a special event for RG birthday and an outlier that shouldnt be used as a baseline.

[**TODO**] Janani Ravi will get the useR! list of platforms w/ costs to host hybrid/virtual events.

Community Manager Hiring Update
Post [advertised](#).

Interviews early-mid July. Contracts with carpentries have now been cleared by University and should hopefully be in place in the next week or so..

Starting a draft blog post (even if we haven't started/finished the event/project/… yet)
- Kozo suggests starting to write a blog post before the event starts to clarify what we are trying to do. https://github.com/Bioconductor/biocblog
- Belows are title-only posts, but it's useful for managing which working group is trying to do what.
    - Example1 (Multilingual working group [The 1st translation-a-thon])

- Example2 (Event+calendar working group [How to advertise your event from the official Bioconductor website/twitter])
- Example3 (Event+calendar working group [Introducing Bioconductor community events in June])
- If there are other activities of your working group, please write something here.
- Maybe education working group/ Laurent Gatto and Charlotte.

Translation-a-thon
- Kozo (the organizer) is busy and has postponed the date to June 9.
- The link to the biocblog post for that announcement. (This will be also posted on https://support.bioconductor.org/)

:41 - :50 CAB Regular Working Groups Reports
Reminder: PR http://workinggroups.bioconductor.org and update

Package review working group
- has decided to stop meeting regularly and will only meet if new issues arise as the review process and requirements are fairly stable. We will continue to review and update contributions.bioconductor.org documentation as necessary.
- We added requirement to vignette that there should be an intro section and it should include motivation/justification for inclusion to Bioconductor and when appropriate comparison to existing similar packages/functions (or in separate section if in depth comparison is shown)
- Lori and Vince will look at collating a group that will act as scientific or technical specialist that auto assigned reviewers can ping for advice or secondary review when appropriate. (ie. a Mass Spec specialist to look over vignettes and compare to existing or comment on scientific merit – a python integration specialist if using basalisk, etc….)
- Lori is almost through the second round of community reviewer on-boarding. 2 will be added and 3 stopped responding. Will re-reach out to the 3 when on-boarding the next group. Might just on-board all remaining that were interested instead of 2 groups of 5 (11 left to process that volunteered from the original call to volunteer)

Event + Calendar working group (Kozo)
- There were three calendar addition requests this month.
    - https://github.com/BioconductorBoards/CABWorkingGroups/issues/38
    - https://github.com/BioconductorBoards/CABWorkingGroups/issues/37
    - https://github.com/BioconductorBoards/CABWorkingGroups/issues/36

- The following workflows are becoming established. The following is done manually for now, but some automation may be possible.
    1. Receiving an application to add a calendar on the GitHub Issue

2. Manually check if the event is appropriate for the Bioconductor event calendar
3. Adding the event to the Bioconductor Google Calendar and https://bioconductor.org/help/events/
4. Tweeting 3. from https://twitter.com/bioconductor
    a. An example https://twitter.com/Bioconductor/status/1534473963283582977
5. Writing a https://github.com/Bioconductor/biocblog/ post about the event

:51 - :55 Bioconductor Event Reports

A Physalia course is held this month. (It will also be held in October and November.) Physalia courses are a paid event and Kozo (event+calendar working group) doesn't know the details.
Kozo will ask the Physalia courses organizer to write a report for the event on https://github.com/Bioconductor/biocblog .
[TODO] Discussion about whether we advertise "commercial" events with expensive enrollment fees.

:55 - :00 Other Business

- Kozo was interviewed from CSCCE as an example of STEM Community Manager Case Studies. Kozo introduced what he has been trying to overcome the language barriers in Bioconductor.

Ten Simple Rules to Host an Inclusive Conference
github.com/rociojoo/Ten-simple-rules-inclusive-conference [for TeX and PDF versions]
[accepted; DOI will be available soon]