Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

February 08 at 5 AM GMT

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

Attending: Mengbo, Maria, Lori, Xueyi, Leo, Kevin, Stevie, Mengbo, Aedin, Johannes
Regrets: Kozo, Janani

Guests:

Schedule
:00 - :5: Welcome!

:5 - :6 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting
January Meeting: agree to post; voting on Slack

:6 - :28 Working group update: Developers training (Kevin)
- Developers forum on hiatus. Mike Smith was looking for someone to take over around 2020.
    - For now, Slack channel #developers-forum active. Way to communicate/ask questions. Can become messy if there are too many discussions in parallel.
    - Format too intimidating? Volunteer(s) to take over?
    - CZI EOSS 6 Aedin/Maria would revive the effort, if funded ("Supporting and Sustaining Bioconductor Developers").
- Mentorship programme
    - Pilot cycle initiated in 2021, First meetings in 2022, No official end
    - Seven mentors. The working group matched mentors with mentees. They met independently.
    - No monitoring was done in the first round. Maybe that would be good to have, like ROpenSci does.
    - Revive through CZI EOSS 6 grant.
- Hacktoberfest
    - Idea to participate in 2023
    - Rewards for contributions were mostly discounts and digital stickers.
    - Timing issue (clash with BioC release cycle)
    - Maybe Bioconductor does not need to participate in that "official" Hackathon, but rather maybe have our own. Lori: have a central page (contribute) page listing issues and potential contributions where the community could help out. Issues for both core packages and "regular" Bioconductor packages.

- Prototype: https://kevinrue.github.io/BiocChallenges/articles/index.html
- Provide also information on current (active) contributions, number of contributions and similar summaries on a "contribution" page. Basically a page that updates and shows current/past summaries.
- Continue more detailed discussion once CZI EOSS 6 is funded.
- YouTube channel: latest video 4 months ago.
- Most videos from the conferences.

:28 - :34 Time slot for April meeting (Jo)
- Shifting by 6 - 10 hours - what would still be OK for CAB members from Asia/Australia. Stevie, Mengbo and Xueyi agree that 6 hours would work.
- Update calendar invite for April (+6h).

:34 - :41 Biocawards (Lori)
- Somebody to help Lori or take over? Maria volunteered.
- Open the call soon, to vote in May (ready for BioC conference).
- Lori sets up the form and will open the call next week.
- Biocaward: anyone can nominate (up to 3 people), no self-nomination, no CAB/TAB member. Different nomination categories. TAB and CAB will rank/select awardees.
- Having "automated" nomination (e.g. most support site messages, most contributions) difficult, because writing the reason might be difficult.

:41 - :47 Locking reviewer slack channel (Lori)
- Reviewers could ask for help, opinions.
- Mostly for discussions between reviewers, then interaction with contributors.
- Make a closed channel to avoid potential insults.
- Public conversation could be through the github issue for example.
- CAB agrees to make the channel private.

:47 - :59 Bioconductor conference organization
- Have 3 "equal" conferences.
- Have equal branding/advertisement of the annual conferences.
- (Aedin comment) Would it be useful to hire an intern (outreachy?) to develop conference branding eg github with templates for sponsors, letterhead, template letters for scholarships etc or will that be done be numfocus. Official email: conference@bioconductor.org
- Considerations: costs; "local" invited speakers to keep costs (for participants/registrations) low. Environmental friendly. Local speakers, international attendees. Sponsors: most will only provide funds for conferences in their respective country.
- Aedin: encourage conference committees to invite working groups to have birds of feather meetings. Possibility to better involve the community in workgroups.

- Ideas for better engagement with online attendance? Trivia or similar to involve the online audience? Maybe even have a separate meeting for this to allow more discussion.
- Still need to discuss, added also to March agenda.

:59 - :02 YERUN award (Maria)
- Young European Universities in Europe.
- Open science award.
- Maria will present at the award ceremony.
- Asked for feedback on the presentation slide draft.

:02 - :05 Other Business

- Leo: ECCB taking place in Turku this year, asking if we want an Elixir Bioconductor session. Connect and discuss on slack channel.