

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

June 13 at 12:00 PM (noon) UTC

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

Attending: attendance added in a new spreadsheet.

Regrets: Johannes, Kozo

Guests:

Schedule

:00 - :05 Welcome!

:05 - :06 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting

:05 - :10 Action items from last meeting

[] not started, [-] ongoing, [?] status unknown/feedback required, [C] canceled, [X] done.

- [X] @Lori Establish a working group for Bioconductor awards to distribute workload: Stevie, Maria and Johannes volunteered.
- [X] @jo Contact Robert to get OK from him and Bea's family on the Athena award (i.e. that she will get the first award, and that we link in the award's description on the web page to a blog post on her):
 - The family is OK with the award (mentioning Bea's name in the motivation of the award)
 - The family would be honored if Bea received the first award. Her brother and/or sister would join the award ceremony through Zoom.
 - Robert agreed to write and provide a motivation/speech.
- [X] @Lori Get feedback from the BioC conference organization committee if they would agree on the award: they support it.
- [?] @Maria Update of Slack welcome message: ?
 - Working on a blog post to announce.
- [X] @Lori/Maria Clean up of old and outdated Slack channels: old/unused channels were removed.
- [X] CAB paper: @Aedin/Maria to contact the editor of PLoS Comp Biology on topic of the paper (either "10 rules to ..." or "lessons learned ..."): DONE. Positive response
- [?] CAB paper: @Maria: send the manuscript to CAB members and let them provide their own ideas/rules (maybe wait first for reply from the previous point).
- [C] CAB governance @jo circulates the governance document to CAB members to get feedback on what parts need update/change. *CANCELED*. Kevin, Janani and

Johannes will have a look at the governance first and then propose an extension/change to the CAB.

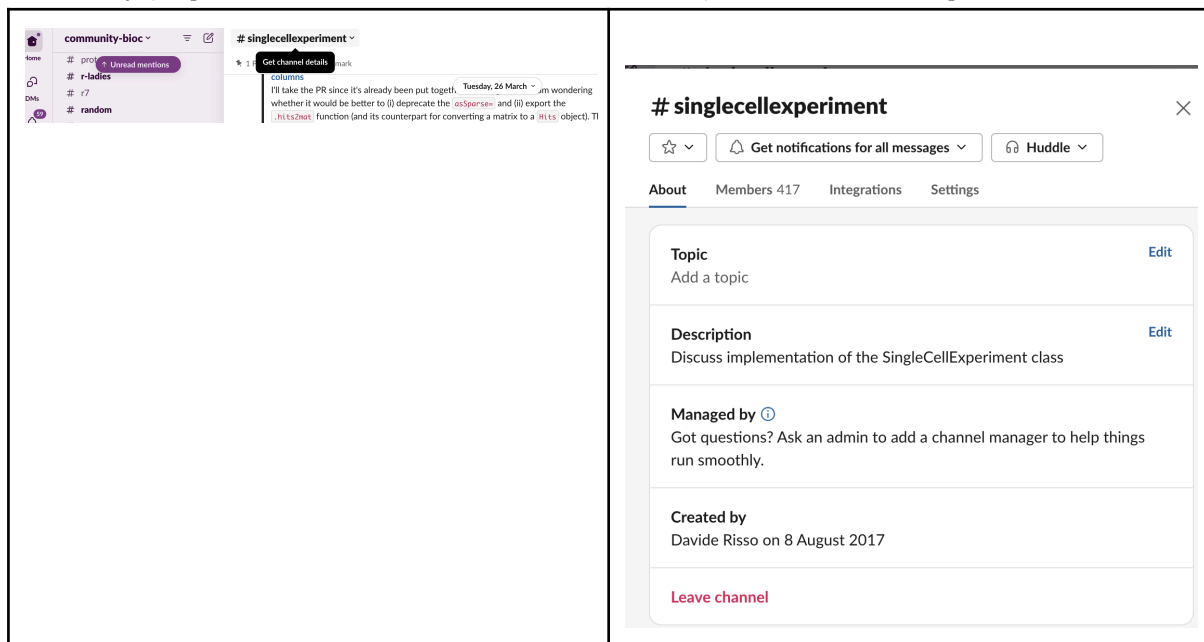
- [-] CAB governance @chairs whether or not sharing e.g. attendance summary regularly with individual CAB members. Related to previous task. Chairs will collect and summarize data and get back to CAB.
- [X] @Maria create an “upcoming conferences” Slack channel: #events channel was created.

Setting Slack Channel Details

Please populate Topic and Description in channels so they show up here:

<https://bioconductor.github.io/BiocSlack/BiocSlack.html>

Click on the “details” of the channel name. Edit/update the “topic” and “description” . Don’t leave empty. [Should we have an admin “managed by” for channels???



:10 - :20 R-Ladies engagement | R-Ladies @ BioC [Janani]

- Create a blog post first.
- Have an “event” at the Bioconductor conference, such as a (self-funded) dinner or similar.
- Mention events on calendar
- Watch parties
- Announce on #events

:20 - :25 BioC @ ISMB 2024 presence/dinner [Janani]

- Instead of a booth: organize a (self-funded) dinner for Bioconductor community members attending the conference. Advertise in Slack #events channel.
- Get swag! Order stickers & such.

- Have calendar of bioinformatics conferences so people could attend/promote Bioc at them eg <https://www.iscb.org/all-conference-events>

:30 - :40 CAB elections/governance [Kevin]

- Reminder: current members that could re-run: Mike Smith, Daniela Cassol, Kevin Rue-Albrecht, Estefania Mancini, Katerina Kechris
- Working on an update of the governance document to clearly specify that active contribution and participation is required for CAB members.
- Kevin will step down as chair. Chance for current members to run for chair this year. Janani and Johannes will stay, ensuring continuity.

:40 - :45 Athena Award updates

- Robert's family would be honored if Bea received the award.
- Needed: wording on the physical award. Feedback and input are highly welcome. See also message and related thread on Slack.
- Needed: blogpost on Bea's contribution. Somebody willing to assist Robert in writing that?
- Logistics
 - All awards will be announced at all conferences but this one handed at EuroBioC2024.
 - Continue coordinating conference committees to discuss that sort of thing

:45 - :55 CAB paper update [Maria]

- Update: review the 2 writing sessions held so far: so far 6 people in each.
- Discussion:
 - Are we happy with the 10 rules established so far?
 - Maybe 'Perspective' instead.
 - Set a deadline for 1st complete draft - propose end of summer/August?
 - Should we continue writing meetings fortnightly? Confirm day and time - propose:
 - USA-friendly: Thursday May 16th 2-4pm BST, then every 2 weeks til end Aug
 - Asia/Australia-friendly: Thursday May 23rd 7-9am BST, then every 2 weeks til end Aug
 - **[Action item @Aedin/@Maria]**: write to the editor of PLOS Comp Biology what they would be more interested in: 10 rules to build ... or "lessons learned" from Bioconductor.
 - **[Action item @Maria]** Send the manuscript to CAB members and let them return and provide their own ideas/rules. Make a consensus from that.
 - August deadline: get feedback from PLOS and have the final definition of the 10 rules.
 - Focus the paper on the CAB and what CAB is doing.

:55 - :00 Other Business

- All members are welcome to suggest ideas and topics for discussion in future meetings