

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

October 10 at 20:00 PM UTC

Members: Aedin, Enis, Hédia, Janani, Jasmine, Jiefei, Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Leo, Lluís, Lori, Luyi, Maria, Mengbo, Nicole, Oluwatobilola, Stevie, Umar, Xueyi, Zahraa

Attending: Lori, Leo, Mengbo, Jasmine, Lluís, Oluwatobilola, Maria, Janani, Hedia, Kozo, Umar, Zahraa, Johannes, Stevie, Kevin

Regrets:

Guests:

Schedule

:00 - :05 Welcome!

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

CAB OK for posting minutes on the webpage.

:05 - :14 Welcome new CAB members

- General information:
 - Monthly CAB meeting, alternating time
 - Discussions through (private) Slack channel
 - Say if you don't have access
 - Active involvement
 - Stepping down is OK if unable to attend
 - Working groups
- Introduction round *old* members
- Introductions new members:
 - Kevin Rue
 - Jasmine Daly
 - Lluís Revilla Sancho
 - Oluwatobilola Ogunbowale
 - Zahraa W. Alsafwani
- Officer elections: annual officer election (chair/co-chair, secretary) will take place this month. Volunteers welcome. [\[action @jo\]](#) send form to all CAB members.

:16 - :20 Action items from last meeting

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

- [X] **jo**: invite new CAB members.
- [-] **Janani**: Blog post on R-Ladies engagement. Figure out a working group, too.

- [-] **Janani**: Invite Mike Love and/or Charlotte Soneson to CAB meeting for an update on the publication working group. Update from Stevie: in the last Zoom meeting it was discussed to bring ideas to TAB & CAB. Charlotte/Mike/Stevie can give an update in the next CAB meeting (October).
- [-] **Maria**: set up a joint public channel with the Galaxy community. Update from Maria: Maria is in touch with the communication person from Galaxy (Natali).
- [?] **Nicole**: reach out on Slack to see if there are interested people to join the industry working group. Otherwise, update the status of the working group.
- [X] **jo**: [guideline](#) for sticker cutting/ordering; feedback welcome.

:20 - :20 2025 joint conference: BioC North America + Galaxy [Maria]

- General update: meetings of the organizing committee started. Looking for sponsors. A logo design contest will be advertised soon (winner gets 100\$ gift card).

[Action item @Maria] Set up a joint (public) channel with Galaxy community: public channel to connect their Matrix galaxyproject community with BioC Slack. Maria is looking into it. Update: Maria is in touch with the communication person from Galaxy (Natali). Could possibly create a shared channel between Bioc Slack and Galaxy Matrix with <https://github.com/42wim/matterbridge>

:21 - :35 Summary/recap EuroBioC2024 [Kevin]

- Blog post: <https://blog.bioconductor.org/posts/2024-09-20-eurobioc2024-recap/>
- Success! 110 attendees (full house). The platform for demos wasn't used much.
- Next year in Barcelona.
- Recordings still to be processed and uploaded to YouTube (and linked to the conference website). Volunteers are welcome to clip the videos.
- Feedback from conference (EuroBioC): better to have a "main" conference and not split/scatter to ensure better community building. Leo: maybe have it as an alternating main conference. Stevie: hosting a main conference in e.g. Australia could be difficult/challenging. Needs more discussion. Hedia: Bioc conference in Africa would be good, or at least small workshops. Janani: Rotating periodically across regions could help build a community while keeping folks from around the world involved.

:36 - :48 CZI EOSS 6 grants update [Maria]

CAB's CZI EOSS 6 grants:

- Training grant update
- Developers grant update

:50 - :55 CAB/TAB information exchange (through Lori)

(permanent item to allow information exchange between CAB and TAB)

TAB → *CAB*

Summary:

New members and introductions

Transition to Github/github action

CAB → *TAB*

Share Maria's slides about technical details of Grants

Are there `lintr/styler/github_actions/unit_tests` best practices from bioconductor?

:55 - :00 Other Business

- Paper preprint: Eleven quick tips for writing a Bioconductor package
<https://osf.io/preprints/osf/wxjky>
- Teaching preprint: Learning and teaching biological data science in the Bioconductor community <https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.01351>