

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

Mar 12, 2026

Members: Aedin, Eliana, Enis, Fabricio, Izabela, Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Laurent, Lluís, Lori, Maria, Martha, Mengbo, Oluwatobilola (Tobi), Stevie, Tuomas, Umar, Zahraa, Zuguang

Attending: Lori, Fabricio, Kevin, Izabela, Tuomas, Martha, Laurent, Zuguang, Lluís, Kozo, Stevie, Eliana

Regrets: Johannes, Aedin, Maria

Guests: Nicholas Cooley

:00 - :5 Welcome + Review minutes from previous meeting for posting

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:5-10 Managing Ongoing Tasks

<https://github.com/orgs/Bioconductor/projects/15>

:10-30: CAB Led Discussion: Lori's R50 Goals [Lori]

[Slides](#)

Are there any AI components? Not directly currently, but open to it

- There are other efforts in Bioconductor to extend AI/LLM for documentation, possibility specialized focused applications (classes)

:30-40 'Funding' working group: [Kevin]

- Proposal (!) Documenting, Coordinating, and Collaborating Efforts for stronger applications

Connection with Industry and trying to get support from industry

Industry working group in past but no longer active and not revitalized
Related? Any interest in revitalizing?

Kevin would love help!

Eliana is interested in contributing

:40-50 Bioconductor Presence at Other Conference [Stevie]

- **Examples:**
 - <https://biohackathon-europe.org/>

- <https://elixir-europe.org/events/elixir-all-hands-2026>
- [would be great to add more - perhaps crowdsource relevant events with the community - any meeting or conference where Bioconductor might be mentioned]

Nicholas and Lori created a new organization to organize/centralize Bioconductor hackathon ideas. Are there conferences we can link up with for a Bioconductor tracks or full event:

<https://github.com/BiocCodingCollaborations>

<https://bioconductor.org/developers/bioccommits/>

Scverse Proteomics [hack-a-thon](#).

Spatial omics and image-derived data [hack-a-thon](#)

Posting related communities on our site / cross list on our pages

- Invite communities to do this regularly

Bioconductor posters/materials/abstract

- Workshop/FullTalk might be too much for most people
- Community could do a general poster/abstract at different conferences
- Develop a document with key historical information & usage information

What Conferences should Bioconductor try to link with?

Please reach out with suggestions!!

ISMB

ECCB (Tuomas has Bioconductor-related workshop there)

:50-:55 Current Developments in Latin America [Izabela]

- Some updates from **Izabela**

We will have a monthly seminar to show bioConductor and its packages with a focus on Latin America.

:55-:00 Any Other Business

Tentative Release 3.23 drafted: <https://bioconductor.org/developers/release-schedule/>

- Lori: Technical Infrastructure Updates:
 - Transition to R-universe is in the works for BBS and SPB
 - Transition to github from private git server for source hosting also in works
 - Perhaps more details in a future meeting to discuss details and any concerns we can see for the community

- Any Other Topics for Future Meetings:
 - **Kevin & Maria:** Mini-workshop at the SSI Collaborations Workshop 'CW26' ([Belfast, 28-30 April 2026](#)): Building Stronger Research Software Communities: Insights From Multiple Perspectives - [☰ CW26 Mini-Workshop Proposal - Maria Doyle](#)
 - Update from the pilot in Czechia (**Maria**)? Can we help? Can we learn from it to start new ones?
 - **Kevin:** 'SSI RMSF Round 2 EoI -TeSS Bioc'. (Not sure if I can share the application yet, but the quoted text lets me search for the application in my Google Drive - which I can then screenshare or read from during the meeting.
 - **Kevin:** 'occasional co-chair' opportunities. Chance for CAB members to try themselves at chairing a meeting occasionally without immediately applying / committing to be a co-chair.