

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

May 09 at 12 AM UTC

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

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

Regrets: Kevin

Guests:

Schedule

:00 - :05 Welcome!

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

OK to submit.

:05 - :10 Action items from last meeting [jo]

- [X] Discuss Atena Award. Agenda item added.
- [X] Postpone CAB meeting by 2 hours.
- [X] CAB paper writing: setup writing meetings, private slack channel for paper.
- [X] TODO system: Lori set up a Github Project. [Action @all] please provide github handle]

:10 - :30 Atena Award

- Background: create a new award to recognize/honour people overcoming their disabilities and developing or contributing to Bioconductor packages. In memory of Beatriz Calvo Serra, developer of the atena package.
- Discussion and results:
 - Name of the award? Atena? Agreed on Atena, or rather Athena to use the correct name.
 - Awarded at the same time as the Bioc awards.
 - Nomination on demand.
- Stevie: suggest to give the first award to Beatriz. CAB agrees.
- Lori: ideally somebody should take the management of the awards, voting etc over; [Action @Lori] create a working group. Volunteers: Stevie, Maria, Johannes. Include Lori in the working group at the beginning to ensure a smooth transition.
- [Action @jo] contact Robert to ask if he and the family are OK with this award.
- [Action @Lori]: take the idea to the BioC conference organization committee and provide feedback to CAB.

:30 - :35 Slack welcome message [Maria]

I'm proposing an update to our Slack welcome message to better clarify where new members should post questions, as there has been some observed confusion recently. I'd love to hear your thoughts on this. If the Core Team and CAB agree, I plan to implement these changes next week.

Thanks for your input!

- Announce it through a blog post to have the information also outside of slack. [Action @Maria].
- Slack related: limit (even public) channel creation. Channel creation needs to be requested through admins. CAB agrees. [Action @Maria and @Lori]

:35 - :50 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?
 - 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 @Aedin/@Maria]: write to the editor of PLOS Comp Biology to ask what they would be more interested in: 10 rules to build ... or "lessons learned" from Bioconductor.
 - [Action @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

- CAB Elections. Start thinking about posting for nominations in June/July (last call nominations at Bioc2024) with closing mid August?
 - Current members that need to run to maintain their spot: Mike Smith, Daniela Cassol, Kevin Rue-Albrecht, Estefania Mancini, Katerina Kechris
 - [Action @jo]: circulate governance document to CAB members: to get feedback, some parts might need update/change? For example, require participation and contribution to stay/be on the CAB?
 - Maybe share regular information about attendance to CAB members summarizing also attendance to meetings, participation on working groups also with the possibility to provide feedback (e.g. suggest change of meeting time to allow participation). [Action @chairs]: think of a way to share the info, which info to include.
- Award Deadline is May 15. Please nominate, spread word to nominate, and look out for email with voting.

- All members are welcome to suggest ideas and topics for discussion in future meetings
- [Action @Maria]: create an “upcoming conferences” channel to share information of attendance for conferences.