

Bioc Technical Advisory Board Minutes

5 December 2019

Attending: Martin Morgan, Laurent Gatto, Aedin Culhane, Vince Carey, Stephanie Hicks, Aaron Lun, Levi Waldron, Michael Lawrence, Sean Davis, Matt Ritchie

Regrets: Charlotte Sonesson, Wolfgang Huber

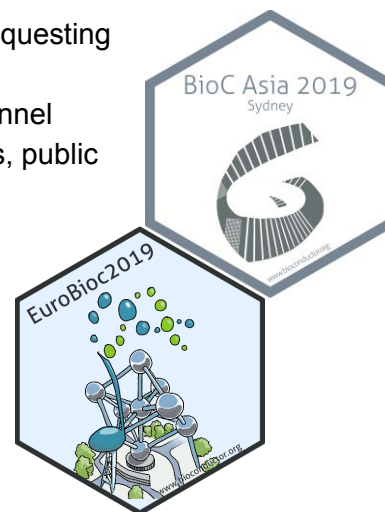
Schedule

:00 - :05 Minutes and action items from previous meetings

- Vote to approve [minutes](#).
- TAB membership terms.
- CAB Leadership: Matt Ritchie has agreed to lead and TODO: will develop recruitment and implementation plans for the next meeting

:05 - :25 Material for review

- Funding
 - [U41](#): (NHGRI; core) Renewal due in January. Letter requesting funding >500k to PO Dec 6.
 - [U24](#): Monthly coordination meetings; private slack channel
 - [AnVIL](#): <https://anvilproject.org>: bi-weekly bioc meetings, public [slack](#); weekly tech calls; 'developer' days in mid-December
 - [CZI seed network](#): monthly meetings, private slack
 - HCA data export to AnVIL -- interesting synergy
 - CZI EOSS (Vince): position open
 - Opportunities?
 - CZI (on [slack](#)) [Stephanie]
- Events
 - [BiocAsia](#): Sydney Dec 5-6. Happening!
 - [2020](#): Beijing Oct 17-18
 - [BiocEurope](#): Brussels Dec 9-10. Imminent!
 - [Bioc2020](#): Boston July 29-31. Public [slack](#). Monthly planning meetings, active planning slacks, lots of participation.
 - CSAMA 21-26 June 2020
 - Other
 - Meetups, (ongoing meeting in Boston, next meeting wed Dec 11)
 - [BIRS hackathon](#), Banff, 2020 (Aedin et al.); [slack](#)
 - (Webinar <https://vimeo.com/376936827>)
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- Committees
 - Code of Conduct Committee (Levi, with Stephanie)
 - Response to prior complaint
 - Project-wide CoC development
 - Conference (Levi):
 - Speaker nominations (Charlotte / Simone)
 - Sponsorship (Aedin) -- template & possible sponsors
 - Emerging Topics (Vince):
 - spatial transcriptomics (slack channel)
 - 11 members of the committee, last contact to channel 28 October
 - consider dissolving the Emerging Topics Committee
 - TODO: Revisit the scope of this committee formally at next meeting
- Working groups
 - Developer forum: fourth session (Bioconductor and R 4.0 [Lori, Hervé]; findability of Bioconductor packages [Steffen Neumann]). [YouTube](#) and [slides](#); 18 people listened for 815 minutes.
 - Build system / continuous integration (Vince): [slack](#) activity; github actions proof of concept for tarball/binary package production
 - BiocActions (<https://github.com/seandavi/BiocActions>)
 - Next step includes bring in Jenkins to orchestrate (<https://docs.ropensci.org/jenkins/>, <https://dev.ropensci.org/>)
- Other:
 - OSCA! In [Nature Methods](#)
 - Bioconductor Foundation Seed Funds (Stephanie / Vince)
 - [Stephanie] presented a rough draft of the idea.
 - TODO: off-line with Vince
 - European Bioconductor Foundation (Laurent / Wolfgang)
 - To be developed further at BiocEurope

Topics

:25 - :35 Code of Conduct

- Review of response to past CoC violation
 - document was reviewed and approved in principle.
- Feedback from TAB
- Next steps: notify affected parties; publish to ??support site & bioc2019 slack channel
- TODO:
 - Create code-of-conduct @ bioconductor.org
 - After minor modifications, the complaint response will be released before the next meeting

:35 - :50 Core team priorities

- Meeting [summary](#)
 - Reviewed with core team
 - Key items: Python integration; cloud / container computing; Annotation & ExperimentHub; HDF5 / other large data representations, including documentation
- Working groups / next steps on priorities / facilitating communication
 - Stephanie & [#spatial](#) transcriptomics
 - Python support
 - *Hub; HDF5 / big data
 - Developer forum: channelling suggestions to Mike Smith
 - Newsletter or other approaches to communication with the Bioconductor community?
 - Formalize working group process to allow the community to self-organize, but formally?

:50 - :59 Open discussion

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