

FAANG Prediction Task Force Report

1. Status & Plans

The Task Force remains active and continuing, with regular engagement from members. It operates on a bimonthly seminar and discussion schedule.

2. Early 2026 Activities (Q1–Q2)

Planned activities for early 2026 focus on continued scientific exchange and community engagement: Bimonthly seminars and discussions will continue. January and March 2026 seminars are already confirmed, ensuring continuity into the new year. Additional seminars will be scheduled for May and July to complete the bimonthly sequence for the first half of the year.

3. Web Presence

No updates are currently needed for the Task Force webpage on the FAANG website. Existing descriptions and materials remain accurate and sufficient for 2026.

4. Coordination with International Efforts

The TF aims to enhance alignment with global FAANG-connected initiatives through: Triggering international coordination topics during bimonthly discussions, ensuring global alignment emerges organically within ongoing seminar formats. Maintaining awareness of developments from FAANG Europe, USDA initiatives, and other global contributors, and bringing them into discussion as appropriate. Encouraging researchers to engage and exchange insights during regular discussions.

5. New TF Needs / Gaps for PAG Discussion

Two key areas of need are identified for broader community attention at PAG: Need for new, well-organized public datasets. The community would benefit from curated datasets that support functional annotation, cross-species comparison, and statistical methods benchmarking. Need for a centralized repository for TF seminar materials. A unified location for slides, recordings, and summaries would increase accessibility and long-term value. This supports continuity, ensures new members can catch up easily, and strengthens community engagement.