

FAANG metaFAIR minutes

12th September 2023 - 3pm BST/4pm CEST/7am PDT

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Attendees

Peter Harrison (Group organiser)

Annik Gmel (Group organiser)

Ted Kalbfleisch

Deb Triant

Alexey Sokolov

Apologies

None

Agenda

- Review of outstanding actions
- Update on metadata changes since our last meeting
- EuroFAANG ontology improvement workshops
- Discussion of training event on metadata submission at PAG
- Any other business.

Outstanding actions

- FAANG DCC to change the status of “analysis code” and “analysis version” to mandatory. DONE
- Need to Identify people in the community who can write track hubs

New actions

Minutes

Review of Outstanding Actions

- FAANG DCC to change the status of “analysis code’ and “analysis version” to mandatory.
- Need to Identify people in the community who can write track hubs

Update on metadata changes since our last meeting

- FAANG DCC to change the status of “analysis code’ and “analysis version” to mandatory. "Version of the analysis code used in the analysis, or if no version is listed then list the date of download in the format YYYY-MM-DD, YYYY-MM, YYYY"
- new mandatory field for specimens - geographic location (required by ENA)

Ted: What are they requesting for this field?

Alexey: The location the sample was collected from with the intention of sequencing, as defined by the country or sea. Country or sea names should be chosen from the INSDC country list See

<https://data.faang.org/ruleset/samples#Specimen%20standard%20rules> for full details

- Organoids:
 - adding "organoid passage" mandatory field
 - removing "organoid age" and "input aggregate cell count" fields
 - moving "stored oxygen level" from mandatory to optional
- Adding new "adapter step" mandatory field to the ChIP-seq rules

EuroFAANG ontology improvement workshops

Registration for the EuroFAANG Ontology Improvement Workshops is now open. EMBL-EBI will be hosting two virtual workshops on utilising the new Ontology Improvement Tool within [the FAANG Data Portal](#) on:

– Thursday 21st September 1-3pm BST

– Thursday 19th October 1-3pm BST

To register for the workshop(s) please [complete this form](#). These workshops have been developed as part of the EU H2020 BovReg project for EuroFAANG. Once registered a zoom link will be shared with you closer to the event. Please note that these links should **not be shared** so **please register individually** for the event.

The workshop will include an:

- introductory talk on FAANG ontologies
- overview of how to use the new [FAANG Data Portal Ontology Improvement Tool](#)
- breakout sessions by project/species to collectively try out the tool on **your ontologies of interest**.

Your feedback and experience from using the new ontology improvement tool will help finalise development of the service. As there are limited places on each workshop, please **apply early** to avoid disappointment. If you have any questions about the workshops please feel free to contact Peter Harrison (peter@ebi.ac.uk).

Ted: Dates are not great for me, will this be recorded?

Peter: This event won't be recorded but we are planning to start making YouTube videos of different data portal and metadata submission processes. Also could be part of future training events such as the one proposed for PAG, to be discussed in a moment.

Discussion of potential training event on metadata submission at PAG

Last run before the pandemic.

Train 20-25 attendees.

Any suggestions on topics to cover in the training workshop?

Ontology improvement tool

Anyone attending PAG that could help with the event by being an additional helper for practical components, help stuck attendees?

Ted: NRSP8 ended at last PAG, and switch of focus for students it towards AGBT. So possible that a lot of the people we were reaching were going to

Peter: May also run at AGBT depending on ability to attend.

Also planning a training event at ISAG25 in South Korea.

Deb: Am attending PAG and happy to help with the workshop.

Any outstanding issues of users with metadata for submissions?

None raised

A.O.B

Deb: Where do most of the metadata change requests come from?

Peter: From the larger US and EU H2020 projects, from trends that we observe on helpdesk tickets of areas that are causing issues and then direct requests to me or our helpdesk.

Peter: When should we meet again.

Annik: Meet again before end of year towards end of November, but avoid thanksgiving. I will organise a poll and chair the next meeting.

Next Zoom meeting in late November