

1. Makeup of Interim Steering Committee- any additions (see sheet on attached Excel file)?

Discussed adding members. Decision- No additions at this time. Minutes will be recorded, approved and posted on the website so that commodity groups and others can be informed. Jeff S. will keep NSF informed (Steve Ellis) Chris will keep USDA-NIFA informed.

Commodity groups will be contacted to join FAANG as Supporters (: [Hans Cheng National Chicken Council, US Egg and Poultry, Turkey Federation]; [Chris is developing communication with NAAAS/FASS in US]; Graham will alert PigGen Canada, Canadian Dairy Network, and the Beef Cattle Research Council. EG: probably there will be a proposition from France, but not immediately.

2. Subcommittees- Following lists are volunteers during the call, before or after the call by email.

Decision: we set up following committees; anyone is allowed to join; contact Chairs for access to emails#

Chairs () are asked to: a) organize their committees by getting additional representation to make their committees representative of species and communities relevant to committee tasks, b) initially send committee list to Chris and Zhiliang to create emails lists#, and c) get at least communications within-committee started before our next Steering Committee call; d) provide timely minutes of Committee meetings to maximize communications across committees.*

I will ask Zhiliang to give permissions for Chairs () to edit the following website committee lists so they are responsible for upkeep on lists in future.*

Update from ZH: this is done.

Samples/Assays committee: (email list: faang-samples@animalgenome.org)

Elisabetta Giuffra, Huaijun Zhou*, James Kijas, Martien Groenen, Graham Plastow, Ben Hayes, Dave Burt, Hans Cheng*

Metadata committee: (email list: faang-metadata@animalgenome.org)

Laura Clarke, Carl Schmidt*, Alan Archibald, Jamie Macleod, Heebal Kim, Gwenola Tosser, Pablo Ross*

Analysis committee: (email list: faang-analysis@animalgenome.org)

Jim Reecy, Mick Watson*, Laura Clarke, Sylvain Foissac, Ole Madsen, Heebal Kim, Ben Hayes, Dave Burt, Huaijun Zhou, Elisabetta Giuffra, Wanbo Li (China).*

Communication committee (email address to be created)

Chris Tuggle, Jeff Silverstein*, Graham Plastow, Martine Groenen, Stephen White, Elisabetta Giuffra, Huaijun Zhou, Gwenola Tosser, Hans Cheng.*

3. Supporters/Contributors and website discussion

- We have 149 requests accepted; 35 are authors of White paper, 40 have declared themselves Contributors, 5 are Supporters, 2 requests are pending (one is Zhiliang Hu, see other below). About 50% of the requests are pending as requesters have not returned to the website to declare Contributor/Supporter. Many requests were sent out by Zhiliang Hu as an effort to contact all persons

who were part of the AgENCODE meeting in 2014.

Decision: informational

- Comments on the structure of the signing-up page? Please see attached screenshot. Should there be more information on the conditions of signing up (Toronto agreement on data sharing)? Should there be a more clear definition of Supporter versus Contributor in this sign-up?

Decision: no change to website; we will continue to ask Supporters to agree to be bound by Toronto guidelines.

- The "HGNC Committee (hgnc@genenames.org)" would like to be a member. Elspeth Bruford indicates this email goes to a small group of annotators. But can a group be held to Toronto standards?

Decision: allow HGNC to be a member; other similar (non-individual) requests will be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

- Zhiliang has set up email addresses for steering committee and for current subcommittees. He/I can keep these committees/email group current.

Decision: see above; Committee chairs will organize these lists.

- Plans to add Elisabetta's slides to website.

Decision: we will get this done asap

- Plans to add White paper/Open Letter to website.

Decision: we will provide a link only to Genome Biology once the paper is accepted/available on-line.

4. Item from Elisabetta: On different pilot projects: how to integrate at best the national-based efforts with samples from different populations, but similar (we hope) assays In order to avoid redundancies and optimise outcomes? Not easy! This should be part of the global schedule for the FAANG project to be set in place asap.

Decision: This will be a topic of discussion for the Samples Committee (as a start). Elisabetta will send out information on a meeting in France on February 7 (Fr-AgEncode kick off).

5. Working on Fall FAANG meeting

- Purpose is to a) describe the state of the science b) discuss priorities and strategy for annotation of animal genomes c) develop framework of needed funding d) communicate these to funding agencies and involve their decision-makers so as to move toward collaborative RFAs or other funding mechanisms. NSF rep will attend (S. Ellis, possibly others). USDA NIFA will likely attend (L. Matukumalli, P. Chitnis are interested, offered to host) Graham Plastow suggested Cindy Bell of Genome Canada should be notified; CKT talked to her at PAG meeting January. Funding: Conference grant to USDA, NSF to be submitted. US Genome Coordinators may support.
- Current group organizing: Chris Tuggle, Jeff Silverstein, Stephen White. Could use representatives from other countries.

Decision: additional volunteers: Alan Archibald, Graham Plastow, Elisabetta Giuffra. BBSRC is being contacted by Alan Archibald, Jeff will send names of EC people who

could be involved, Heebal Kim will contact Korean agencies (Jeff Silverstein will follow up with Heebal on Connections in Washington with Korea). Lusheng Huang will follow up with Chinese agencies. James Kijas or Ben Hayes will organize representation from Australia. Graham will invite/inform Genome Canada and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Regional Genome Centers may also attend. Graham also mentioned that an existing multi-national group talking about genomics consisting of USDA, Genome Canada, Teagasc (IRE), and AFBI (N. Ireland/UK) that can be connected as well. Elisabetta and French colleagues to follow up for contacts with the French Research Agency (ANR). If others are possible, please send to group.

6. Other New Business?

Stategra suggestion from Rudiger Brauning

We did not get to this item- please see Wiki for Rudiger's information. We can put this on the agenda for next meeting; it is possible that the Analysis committee can take this up.

7. Spacing and Time-of-day of future Steering Committee calls

- Monthly?
- Alternate time of day between 13.00 GMT (very late in Asia/Aus and very early in Western US) and 21.00 GMT (late evening for EUR)?

Decision: agreed to set up monthly meetings for at least the next 4-6 months. Chris will send out a Doodle to gauge attendance for Monday, Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday meetings the last week of the month for Feb, Mar, April, May.

Update: next calls will be held as follows: Last Tuesdays of the month.

<i>Feb 24th</i>	<i>21.00 GMT</i>
<i>March 31st</i>	<i>13.00 GMT</i>
<i>April 28th</i>	<i>21.00 GMT</i>
<i>May 26th</i>	<i>13.00 GMT</i>