

Agenda Steering Committee
24 February 2015

Minutes of 30 Jan 2015 meeting- discussion and approval (attached)

Announcements

The infrastructure funding from BBSRC to Roslin was made public recently; congrats Alan!

Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

- Samples/Assays- Huaijun:
 - Determine committee members and conference interval (monthly?)
 - Two chairs alternatively chair the committee meeting
 - Schedule first committee meeting at the week of March 8 (will send the doodle soon)
- Metadata- Laura: The membership is increasing, we have new members from the EBI and from Fr-AgEncode. We at the EBI are internally drafting the meta data spec 0.1 and then we will schedule a call
- Data Analysis- None- call being scheduled
- Communication- Chris:
 - progress on Fall FAANG mtg planning will be summarized (see current plans, attached)
 - attendees of PAG Monday meeting available; will be put on website – we will invite to join FAANG anyone not already on lists

Old Business

- Stategra suggestion from Rudiger Brauning → suggest we send this to Data Analysis Committee for discussion.

ACTION: Jim and Mick- please put this on your Committee's agenda.

New business

- Policy discussions

[following three questions are from Laura]

1. Chairs of committees and the steering committee

There are two committee chairs who are not on the steering committee, Mick Watson and Carl Schmidt. I propose they also be invited to the steering committee. I believe it would increase the likelihood that all committees are represented on all steering calls.

- I agree with this proposition- CKT

ACTION: Mick and Carl will be invited to join and be added to the email list.

2. Data sharing between FAANG members and the general FAANG data release policy

All raw data will be submitted to the EBI or NCBI archives without any hold until publication data, being publicly available for the whole community on submission.

Analysis results that are not archived will be shared between FAANG members in a private dropbox hosted at the EBI. Any individual who signs up to FAANG and agrees to the Toronto principles will be allowed access to this. There will be metadata files in the private dropbox, which make credit for different datasets as clear as possible.

Between 2 and 4 times a year, FAANG will make official releases of data and move file associated with a data freeze from the private dropbox to the public FTP site. This data will be available to the whole community.

All FAANG data is released under Fort Lauderdale principles. The FAANG website, data portal and FTP site will all have clear data reuse statements on them.

If one FAANG member wishes to publish using data generated by another FAANG member they should first contact the data generator and clarify the member's publication strategy. Collaboration is for everyone's benefit and is strongly encouraged.

-see also related question from Christine Couldrey who is at an institution closely affiliated with industry- see email pasted below.-CKT

ACTION: This is quite an important topic, and other FAANG members have been asking about how all of this data sharing would work. A quick summary would be that any data you create is your own but if you want to use data created by others to increase value of your own data, then you need to play nice and ask the data creators what their plans are. People are free to publish a project that doesn't use FAANG samples, data or meta data/infrastructure.

For implementation, Laura agreed to look at the policies in other groups to see how they manage this. Probably course of action is to set up a dropbox, possibly at EBI, and advertise this dropbox on the FANG website.

This policy will be placed in the minutes for discussion via email, if agreed to by next call, will be put into a policy section on the website.

3. . Supporter/Contributor distinction

Does this distinction make sense? Do we want two lists or is it better to have one. Looking at the two lists it isn't entirely clear if everyone understands what we mean by the difference. Is a single list of people better, then possibly a second page where there can be institutional support indicated.

- The definitions are listed when they select; but clearly some people are selecting supporter when we expect they will "contribute". The problem with a "institutional support" listing is that there are persons who will not contribute but who are not institutions-CKT

ACTION: Any action is deferred for one more meeting, to see what level of problem this is.

Two suggestions from website users/Zhiliang:

4. Posting to committee emails.

Propose that all contributors/supporters could be able to post to the working committee

lists -- to encourage interactions/participations (currently only list member to post)

- I agree with this proposition- CKT

ACTION: All agreed, Chris will work with Zhiliang to implement

5. Monthly newsletters?

Since you have many things going on, a monthly newsletter seems useful (currently after users sign up they feel "lost": what's next?)—alternative is Webinars??

- I agree with this idea, who has time to help? I suggest we send this to Communications Committee- CKT

ACTION: Chris will talk to Zhiliang about a space for such communication. Any volunteers to provide content will be welcome. Chris also mentioned that Lakshmi Matakumali suggested that we create Webinars to advertise FAANG activities, especially between now and the Fall FAANG meeting in DC. Again, if anyone is interested in taking this on, please step forward. Some ideas: the first Webinar could be a short one, announcing FAANG after the Open Letter is out, describing aims of project and advertising the October DC meeting.

6. James Kijas brought up a topic on coordination of joint efforts in funding. What is possible with respect to helping groups prepare joint projects or know what is being done or proposed?

*ACTION: This was sent to the Communication Committee to develop a listing of proposals funded. **I have talked to Huaijun Zhou (Samples/Assay committee); This Communication task should also go to his committee on this listing as it makes sense to list the experimental design and samples to be collected in these projects. I will coordinate this with him, Elisabetta, and Zhiliang.*

7. NAS report concerns- Chris Tuggle

This was not discussed.

Reminders

Future Steering Committee calls schedule:

<i>March 31st</i>	<i>13.00 GMT</i>	<i>*** Check your schedules—this is after the UK goes to BST.</i>
<i>April 28th</i>	<i>21.00 GMT</i>	
<i>May 26th</i>	<i>13.00 GMT</i>	
