

Attending: CKTuggle, JReecy, HZhou, MGroenen, SWhite, HCheng

Minutes of 5 Aug 2015 meeting- approved

Announcements

- Huaijun reported that USDA will fund the PAG Workshop on FAANG. \$10,000 will be available for the FAANG workshop, and \$5,000 made available to the Epigenetics Workshop.
- Chris reported that Catherine Woteki (Deputy Undersecretary, REE in USDA) will provide a welcome talk for FAANG.

Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

- Animals/Samples/Assays: Biosample was agreed to be used for FAANG implementation. Michelle Boichard committed to develop an 'ASA' paper which might include the work done in common with Biosamples (Laura Clarke, Dave Richardson; EMBL-EBI). The outline of the manuscript and the journal for submission is being discussed. Michele contacted last Sept. 13 a selected list of people, possibly she will provide a first paper scheme before the GO-FAANG meeting.
- mRNA and (small) ncRNA experimental protocols have been uploaded. *Tissue collection being completed: avian, mammalian (by Richard Crooijmans), specific cell types (EG, G.Plastow). A ChipSeq assay protocol is being discussed. HZ is working to share with the committee for discussion.*
- Metadata and Data Sharing: no report
- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis: no report; the next call is in two weeks.
- Communication

-Update on GO-FAANG (From Chris, not ComCom which meets Sept 3)

- Registration numbers: we are at about 75 paid and ~15 other= ~90 now.
- 14+ applicants for NSF Fellowships through 31 Aug (deadline 1 September)
- 2 submitted abstracts thus far plus one inquiry (only registrants queried; deadline is 10 September). With 4 Committee posters and 2-4 Fellow posters, we will have at least 10 poster presented.
- Funding agency information: we have 4 agency representatives who have agreed to speak for 10 minutes on their agency perspective on FAANG. One agency called and asked for direction. Suggested points to cover in funding agency talks:
 1. *Is understanding and predicting complex phenotypes from genotypes/epigenetics data a priority for xxxx (agency) ?*
 2. *Could the functional annotation of domesticated animal genomes fit into that priority for your agency?*
 3. *What are the possible mechanisms for funding such work within xxxx and in collaboration with other agencies in the US and globally?*
The context could be both historical information as well as current plans for research portfolios. If there are other areas of possible comment, those would be valued as well.
- Items yet to organize (working on this, need volunteers!)

- Nuts and bolts small group meetings Wednesday afternoon the 7th
- Detailed plan for Thursday small group sessions
 - Data creation and Data analysis small groups planned
 - Discussion Leaders and Reporters (help develop subjects to discuss, etc). Lead discussion, write up discussion details, report back at end

- Proposal to ASAS/JAM and ISAG made by ad hoc group (attached) for a FAANG Symposium

Old Business

1. Monthly newsletters?

Any volunteers to provide content will be welcome.

2. 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? (Kijas, Burt)

4. Infrastructure call from EC: Update from Elisabetta; she will meet Sept 4 with INRA people working on EC IF proposals.

New business

Regarding the breakout sessions at GO-FAANG, there was some discussion as to who should be involved; Chris will be bringing this up at the Com call later this week.

A request for the participants for GO_FAANG was made; this will be sent out. There was a question about what part of the webcast will be recorded; all main sessions are expected to be recorded.

Reminders

Future Steering Committee calls

October 1	8 AM IA time
November 5	3 PM IA time
December 1	3 PM IA time