

Minutes Steering Committee 1 Oct 2015

Attending: Minutes of 1 Sept 2015 meeting- approved

Announcements: CKTuggle, EGluffra, HZHou, CSchmidt, AArchibald, GPlastow, GTosser, HCheng, JReecy, SWhite, LClarke, DBurt

Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

- Animals/Samples/Assays:

EG reported- preparation for GO-FANAG completed, ASA poster and breakout session planned. ASA paper being developed.

A Sept 10 conference call with other committees was held (BDA and MDS).

First protocol is on-line for comment; some comments incorporate already. Second protocol preparation upcoming (Preparation of cells (blood, fibroblasts)).

- Metadata and Data Sharing

LC reported- MDS committee had a call in the past month; long discussion as well with ASA committee and with EG turning these into recommendations and documents are being updated. Dave Richardson talked to ASA about data standards. Discussion on public and private data storage.

ChiPSeq group using Confluence.

Carl asked: is intent that MDS will create forms? LC answered that it is being recommended that people use BioSample. A sample (format?) can be developed.

- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis

JR reported- each WG within BDA has had calls. ChipSeq. Methylation group will meet after GO-FAANG. RNAseq, structural are working on defining pipeline.

Question raised: how much fluidity in the pipelines? Should there be exactly the same pipeline for all or should there be some flexibility? The consensus was that either multiple specific pipelines or some flexibility needed.

Chris asked about the DCC and Capital project funded- AA and LC described that there is a BBSRC proposal in (Paul Flicek and LC are leaders); with a mid-2016 start timeline.

It was discussed whether NRSP-8 Coordination funding could pay for short-term data storage/analysis and bioinformatics support.

- Communication

-Update on GO-FAANG

CKT reported: A US Federal budget was passed so Federal government employees will be able to attend!

We are on budget

101 registered to attend

~30 registered on web simulcast

5 agencies speaking

Several high level administrators are going to be present.

Pre-meeting being organized by USDA, several agencies attending

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)

This was discussed; it was decided to create a webpage to collect information on granting opportunities and resources from FAANG members. Chris will work with Zhiliang after the GO-FAANG meeting to set this up.

3. Infrastructure call from EC:

Update from Elisabetta; she met Sept 4 with INRA people working on EC IF proposals. A meeting to discuss the IF proposal will be conducted Oct. 7 (EG, AA, LC). To discuss: a true common purpose is really needed. Companies need to be involved- possibly oriented toward genomic selection—some benefit to industry participation required. Joint research has to be less than 1/3 of total. Concrete outcomes are also important and need to be incorporated into design.

New business?

Proposal to ASAS/JAM and ISAG made by ad hoc group for a FAANG Symposium has been approved. Planning should commence.

Reminders

Future Steering Committee calls

November 5	3 PM IA time
December 1	3 PM IA time