

Minutes Steering Committee 5 November 2015

Attending call: CKTuggle, AArchibald, EGiuffra, HCheng, GTosser, HZhou, LClarke, MGroenen, BHayes, GPLastow, JReecy, DHamernik

**Announcements-** Alan announced the COST action has been approved preliminarily. Dates for start unknown at this point.

**Reports from Standing Committee Chairs**

- Animals/Samples/Assays:

HZ and EG reported that the RNAseq protocol has been available; they are working on the Biosamples integration and also the ChiP seq protocol. There is progress on the ASA manuscript as well. They are working primarily on generalized protocols; specialized protocols are coming, i.e., a specific protocol for isolation and processing of pig blood cells. They are also working on a Hi-C protocol. The committee is urging the use of the Wiki (Confluence) for exchange of ideas/editing developing protocols; the website will be the place to post finalized protocols.

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- Metadata and Data Sharing

LC reported that there was no meeting in October. The next meeting will be to discuss experimental attributes.

- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis

JR reported that all groups have had calls since GO-FAANG; but no call for the larger committee. Work is progressing, and exchanges are on the Wiki. A new group has been formed; lncRNA. Cedric and Jan Gorodkin and others have met to organize. There was discussion that this group be connected to the RNAseq groups; LC wanted to ensure we do not fragment the discussion unnecessarily. The BDA group will discuss this.

- Communication

a) A call was held Nov. 4; primarily discussing the recent GO-FAANG Workshop.

Final report on GO-FAANG:

- Very successful based on attendance, enthusiastic participation, and continued attendance even at the end. Strongly positive comments from funding agency representatives.

- Registration : we had 101 registrants and guests.

- Six funding agencies had direct participation in giving talks. About 15 funding agency representatives attended.

- We had welcomes from Catherine Woteki, Sonny Ramaswamy, and Rob Miller.

- Webcast: This was set up and people viewed the Webcast (from 19-30).

b) The USDA administrators encouraged more integration with the NSF-funded RCN. It appears that Carl Schmidt will not be attending PAG; although there was originally a RCN meeting there. HZhou agreed to discuss with Carl whether the RCN could have a short presentation at the FAANG workshop at PAG, and if so who would that be.

c) The PAG workshop was also further organized; we agreed to encourage the FAANG committees to submit their GO-FAANG posters to PAG and have them together in one session for maximum visibility.

d) The group also discussed the possible speakers for the ISAG/ASAS FAANG Symposium in July 2016; we have acceptances from only Ben Hayes and Wes Warren thus far; Barbara Stranger has been invited and several invitees have refused. Tom Gingeras and George Mias were suggested by HC, and Martha Bulyk by Penny Riggs. George Mias accepted; an invitation to Tom Gingeras was also made.

e) Funding Opportunity Information Sharing: Zhiliang Hu has added a Funding opportunities entry and record page. See your Member page; new bullet "Funding Opportunities" for mock-up. [Please provide feedback.](#)

Feedback at the call included: we should also include funded proposals and submitted proposals.

### **Old Business**

1. Monthly newsletters?

*Any volunteers to provide content will be welcome.*

2. Infrastructure call from EC

3. ISAG-ASAS FAANG Symposium.

*At GO-FAANG an ad hoc group met on October 7 and developed a list of potential speakers to invite. Thus far 10 have been invited; Ben Hayes, Wes Warren, and George Mias (collaborator of Mike Snyder) have agreed.*

*[We need suggestions for invitations for the short talks.](#)*

### **New business**

For the PAG FAANG workshop, HZ asked for suggestions for topics for the committee presentations. CKT indicated that the Com Committee does not need any time- perhaps there could be an announcement of the July 2016 Symposium only. LC suggested that MDS will speak on basic principles and some simple examples. (10 minutes for talk and 10 minutes for discussion). For BDA, they will discuss this at their next call. JR asked if any data could be submitted to public databases and thus used to do some preliminary analysis before PAG? HZ indicated there was data, and would discuss with UCD colleagues about getting it submitted. BH indicated some stranded RNAseq data was available in projects he knew about; he will speak to LC about a pointer to it.

ASA committee has organized their representation.

### **Reminders**

#### **Future Steering Committee calls**

December 1                    3 PM IA time