

Minutes FAANG Steering Committee 1 March 2016 (3 PM CST)

Attending: HCheng, LClarke EGiuffra, MGroenen, BHayes, JMacLeod, GPlastow, JReecy, CSchmidt, CKTuggle, HZhou,

Minutes from 4 Jan 2016 call- approval pending -> issue related to general calls should be discussed.

Announcements

Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

- Animals/Samples/Assays:
- <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/seqdb/confluence/display/FAANG/Submission+of+samples+to+BioSamples>
- The Samples paper being written by Boichard et al. was discussed at length. An email had been sent out to collect information on samples collected by December 31, 2015. A deadline for receipt of information was made for March 15, with samples submitted to BioSamples by March 31. Since the MetaData Workshop was April 15, this deadline might be too soon. A revision to have the deadline to mid-late April will be discussed. Writing assignments for the paper are being discussed. Carl indicated that the RCN could support a person to attend the Metadata Workshop.
A Samples list was developed, with three levels of samples proposed:
 - Level 1: core tissues (easily collected, more assays available, biologically important): liver, spleen, lung, abdominal fat, muscle, PBMCs from blood, testis, uterus
 - Level 2: other tissues (biologically important, difficult to collect, limited assays available) such as brain, gut...
 - Level 3: specific physiological status such as infection, or development, may not be used for the 1st phase of FAANG (This is taken from ADSA minutes of Feb 24 2016).
- Metadata and Data Sharing:
- Version 1 of the metadata policies has been declared, and available on the website. The next task is building validation tools. A call is scheduled for next week for the committee. One example discussion point was ontology terms for crossbred animals.
- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis: The committee has been meeting and materials have been placed at the Confluence website.
- Communication:
 - a) GO-FAANG publication final draft being edited- hope to submit March 4 to An. Genet.
 - b) ASAS-ISAG Symposium final program complete except FAANG discussion section. Being discussed by email. Elisabetta will organize.

c) Request for information for Dublin 2017 ISAG meeting for a FAANG Workshop; organizer needed. Ingrid Olksaker suggested FAANG be combined with Genome Sequencing Workshop.

d) A dinner with FAANG Symposium speakers is being organized. Should there be other meetings? Sunday night might be available.

Old Business

1. Monthly newsletters?

Any volunteers to provide content will be welcome.

2. Infrastructure call from EC

- proposal is being prepared.

New business?

1. Letters of support for FAANG-related projects- update

Reminders

Future Steering Committee calls

4 May

1 June