

## DRAFT Minutes Steering Committee 1 June 2016 (8 AM CDT)

**Present:** Chris Tuggle, Graham Plastow, Martien Groenen, Laura Clarke, Peter Harrison, Stephen White, Jamie McCloud, Gwenola Tosser-Klopp, Huaijun Zhou.  
**Guests:** Steiner Bergseth, Rachel Ritchie.

**Regrets:** Jim Reecy, Elisabetta Giuffra, Hans Cheng

### **Announcements**

Atlantic salmon genome assembly representatives on call- Steinar Bergseth (Norway) and Rachael Ritchie (Genome British Columbia) described the general history of the salmon genome assembly project, a \$10M, 5 year project, funded by Norway, Canada and Chile, that published an assembly in Nature in April 2016. The salmonid community is discussing what “next steps” should be made, and functional annotation of their assembly through cooperating with FAANG is of interest. There is a meeting to discuss these ideas and others in Toronto in June; Graham Plastow is attending and can provide information and liaise with FAANG. Caird Rexroad of USDA (Aquaculture) is also aware of this meeting and interested in working with the group. They also asked for any up-front advice, and Chris indicated that they could contact the ASA and M&DS committees to be sure samples are collected and metadata stored by agreed upon standards. He also invited their participation in the Steering Committee as well as the more technical committees they might be interested in.

The GO-FAANG meeting report manuscript has been accepted for publication and should appear on line soon.

### **Minutes from 4 May 2016 call- approved with Peter’s corrections**

#### **Reports from Standing Committee Chairs**

- Animals/Samples/Assays: Huaijun reported that there was no ASA call in May, one is planned for June. They are setting up a summary table that will list all samples and assays with links to Biosamples. This will not be a duplicate of information available in the DCC, but a high level summary that will show planned collections as well as samples that have been processed. ASA also discussed the schedule for data releases; currently considering quarterly (March/June/Sept/Dec).
- Metadata and Data Sharing: Laura reported that the committee held it last regularly scheduled call and as they have finalized the specifications for metadata they are transitioning to an “as needed” schedule. Small changes to the specifications are expected, but unless a call is deemed necessary, these will be handled by email. The sample training workshop went well, and many samples have been successfully submitted to Biosamples. Laura wanted to point out that while EBI and NCBI Biosamples are being synchronized, this process is not yet complete. M&DS requests that people should contact the DCC ([Faan-dcc@ebi.ac.uk](mailto:Faan-dcc@ebi.ac.uk)) to let them know you have submitted through NCBI so they can be aware and duplications and omissions are minimized. Jamie asked if there

are any priorities of EBI, such as this integration, that our group could voice our support for. Laura indicated that it is quite difficult to change the process at NCBI, especially when there is no funding or effort dedicated to the FAANG project there. She did indicate that one way to avoid problems with communications with older projects submitted through NCBI Biosamples is when you submit to EBI Biosamples that you use the “same as” function, which will link these and prevent duplication of project information.

- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis: no report
- Communication (no meeting since last Steering call):
  - a) minutes for all previous call up to May 2016 are on-line.
  - b) USDA RFAs are out- will be put up on website those that clearly fit FAANG are highlighted. There was no alternative suggestions.
  - b) there is interest in a meeting at Salt Lake City of FAANG. To be discussed at June 2 call of the committee.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Monthly newsletters?

*Any volunteers to provide content will be welcome.*

#### 2. Infrastructure proposal submitted!

### **New business**

1. Meeting at ISAG- proposed to “merge” with Genome Sequencing Workshop, Mechanism for changing Workshops needs to start in Salt Lake City. Chris indicated that Ingrid Olsaker had responded to Jim Reecy and indicated that it would be fine in 2017 to merge these two groups, and that if any future changes to Workshops, such as Epigenetics or Comparative and Functional Genomics that have scientific overlap with FAANG, would have to have a proposal submitted and discussed as early as the 2016 meeting in Salt Lake City. To be further discussed at Communications on June 2.
2. Laura asked if any thoughts or plans had been made regarding setting up an external oversight group, as the DCC organizers are discussing something for that effort. They are considering conference call with external FAANG users, every 6 or 12 months. Chris indicated no plans have been discussed for FAANG itself, but that this is a good idea and that funding agency representatives such as the guests on the call today would be useful to consider for this group. Jamie added that an additional advisory group could be those experienced in ENCODE or similar projects in the human/mouse, as a comparative approach is not always fully appreciated by those groups.

### **Future Steering Committee calls**

None currently scheduled.

The question of schedule and frequency of calls during 2016 was raised. Gwenola and Martien indicated a July call would be useful if there is no call in August, and indicated every other month seems sufficient. Chris will put out a Doodle for July, September and November. At the November call, we can determine if another call before PAG is needed, and the schedule for 2017 calls.