

Minutes Steering Zoom Call 13 July 2016

On call: CKTuggle, JReecy, EGiuffra, PHarrison, HCheng, MGroenen, MWatson, HZhou.

Regrets: GPlastow, GTosser-Klopp

Minutes from 1 June 2016 call were revised and will be confirmed at next call.

Announcements

Report on Salmonid meeting in Toronto- Graham attended as did Caird Rexroad. Slides will be presented at the ISAG meeting, including at the FAANG Symposium, on the plans of the Salmonid community.

Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

- Animals/Samples/Assays: EG reported that the last call was in April. A reminder was sent out by HZ to update the sample list.
- Metadata and Data Sharing: PH reported there are 820 samples in Biosample, as well as approximately 2,500 samples are in process. Mainly these are from the Sheep Atlas Project.
- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis: JR reported that several subgroups have had calls in the last several weeks (RNAseq, Methyl-seq, Structure). Groups are comparing different pipelines. RNAseq pipelines are nearly done; lncRNA is coming along. Methyl-seq is close to finishing on bisulfite. No update on ChIP-seq.
 - MG indicated the core assays are completed on porcine IPECJ2 cell line (4 histones, CTCF, RNAseq, WG seq, WG methylation). Data is being analyzed; he will check with Ole Madsen and Richard Crooijmans to get status of data.
- Communication:
Discussion on developing grant opportunities- "new" EU possibility (see below)
Discussion on contacting commodity groups, funding agencies, when GO-FAANG paper comes out (should be very soon). We are developing a list of FAANG members to be representatives to specific agencies. Bullet points for these contacts are being circulated.

MG: has provided inputs to agencies on new texts and calls for EU funding opportunities; including description of FAANG. One group was FABRE.

EG: indicated JC Cavitte wants to set up Workshop to discuss future EU funding on animal genomics area. What has been accomplished thus far, what is needed next? Wants FAANG represented.

JR: indicated there are plans to have the COST action on FAANG meet before the Livestock Genomics conference in September. One possible interaction with the US NSF FAANG RCN could be training and cooperation of students/postdocs.

Old Business

1. Monthly newsletters?

Any volunteers to provide content will be welcome.

2. Meeting at ISAG- proposed to “merge” with Genome Sequencing Workshop,

Mechanism for changing Workshops needs to start in Salt Lake City- Jim Reecy will be talking with the Chairs of the other Workshops that overlap (Hassan Khatib (Epigenetics) and Klaus Wimmers (Comparative and Functional) to propose a plan to minimize overlap in future. A proposal will come out of the FAANG Symposium.

New business

1. Meet as a group on Sunday July 23 at SLC? Who is attending ISAG?

- This was left as an informal get-together.

2. Discussion on working together to foment increased opportunities for FAANG-related projects.

- This is an ongoing effort. The Communications Committee will tackle this in September. Continuing to raise the visibility of FAANG will be helped by the GO-FAANG paper and plans to contact animal commodity groups.

Future Steering Committee calls

Monday Sept 12 6 AM PDT, 7 AM MDT, 8 AM CDT, 9 AM EDT, 14.00 BST, 15.00 CEST

Tuesday November 8 6 AM PDT, 7 AM MDT, 8 AM CDT, 9 AM EDT, 13.00 GMT, 14.00 CE Standard Time

Tuesday December 13 6 AM PST, 7 AM MST, 8 AM CST, 9 AM EST, 14.00 GMT, 15.00 CE Standard Time