

Minutes for Zoom call Steering Committee 12 Sept 2016 (8 AM CDT)

On call: CKTuggle, GPlastow, EGiuffra, PHarrison, LClarke, AArchibald, HZhou, HCheng, G Tosser-Klopp, LHuang, JReecy, BHayes

Minutes from 13 July 2016 call- approved with Elisabetta's correction

Announcements

- FAANG provided letter of support for FAANG project in Sheep

Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

- Animals/Samples/Assays:

EG/HZ reported. Update on samples paper- Michelle Boichard is continuing to collect information. ASA will have a call soon.

- Metadata and Data Sharing:

Peter/Laura reported. There have been no calls. They are waiting for the DCC grant to start. EG indicated that at INRA they have a full sample set ready for submission. They are ontology issues- PH indicated that there are people working on this.

- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis:

JR reported- several groups have had calls; not a lot of progress. Some pipeline work has been pushed to Confluence. Some testing of pipelines has also been done. RNAseq is furthest ahead, with more than one pipeline.

- Communication:

CKT/EG reported.

E-publication of GO-FAANG meeting paper has occurred.

FAANG Symposium- summary of questionnaire. EG summarized the findings. The main messages were a) many people are waiting to see initial outcomes of FAANG and b) many are interested in another conference. For improvements, many simply want to see results. The questionnaire was well-received and provided useful information. We should use this again, and put a link into the program in future meetings, Gwenola suggested that there are specific slots designated; make sure that the FAANG Workshop is advertised.

Summary of approaches to advertise FAANG and increase funding opportunities-

This was provided to Steering Committee. There was discussion of the meeting to be held in Brussels. FAANG will be represented (AA, EG, GP, CKT). There is also a slot for a FAANG discussion; unclear how much time will be available.

Additions: HZ indicated that he will attend World Poultry Congress in Beijing, China and the Australasian Genome Technologies Association Conference in Auckland, NZ and present FAANG projects there.

Discussion on contacting commodity groups, funding agencies

(Specifically: discuss/revise bullet points to summarize FAANG goals and aspirations for effective communication to external groups)--CKT asked for revisions as soon as possible.

Discussion on new USDA funding opportunity information

CKT described information provided by K. Matukumali (USDA) on guidelines for FAANG community proposals. BH asked whether PI for these grants had to be US- they do, but non-US scientists can be co-PI and can receive funding. Information on applications are expected to be announced about Feb 9, and the deadline for receipt of applications is expected to be about May 2017.

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 update

New business

1. Further discussion on working together to foment increased opportunities for FAANG-related projects.

As described above, CKT is preparing a summary of FAANG for use in introducing FAANG to commodity groups and industry; this was requested by USDA upper administration. To be further circulated for comment.

The website listing funding opportunities is not highly used. The Comm Comm is still working to improve/update this.

2. Directives to Comm Comm for planning for FAANG Workshop at PAG 2017?

There was a suggestion for major projects to provide updates. HZ will incorporate this into the plans.

It was suggested that at this workshop the new funding opportunities should be discussed.

3. Directives to Comm Comm for planning for FAANG contribution to Genome Seq Annotation Workshop at ISAG 2017?

JR, George Liu, and Dave Burt are involved with organizing this workshop.

Future Steering Committee calls

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