

Minutes Steering 7 February 2017 (10 AM CDT)

On call: CKTuggle, HCheng, MWatson, AArchibald, PHarrison, GTosser-Klopp

Regrets: GPlastow, SWhite, HZhou

Minutes from 13 Dec 2016 call- review edited version- approved

Announcements

Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

- Animals/Samples/Assays:

EG: ASA had a call on Nov 22, which was dedicated to QC and validation of ChIP data. Pablo Ross presented; his slides are available on the FAANG website. These are not universal standards, which are hard to implement at the individual lab level. They did agree to some common quality controls that should be used to test preliminary data before submission to public databases. CKT: are these informal standards are being (or should be) captured at the Sample submission level. PH: this is not currently possible but could be implemented. EG: concerns that this should not be mandatory and adds to complexity of submission of data. The ASA committee may discuss this in the future.

- Metadata and Data Sharing:

PH: the committee met at PAG; they discussed changes to fields and other components of the submission systems. The rollout of the first version of the data portal has gone well, with positive comments from users. They are continuing to improve the portal, and a search function is launching soon. Four groups have submitted data, the MDS members are assisting these groups to get their metadata submissions complete. PH also reminded the group that the ENA has monthly calls to help submitters, and are willing to book a Skype session as well. Finally, Laura sent out previously a email urging submitters to register/update their Projects rather than just Samples. This improves the overall understanding of the status of projects. AA: reiterated that Biosamples Project data inputting takes time and people need to schedule for it. PH: a primary contact for each project is most important, so that the MDS group know whom to contact. CKT: leaders of some funded projects are on the website as well as contained in the spreadsheet of HZ; CKT: is working to add additional projects and will ask Huaijun whether a primary contact is available.

- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis:

MW: Nothing to add to the notes from the last call; sent the slides Jim used at PAG for the BDA report; Chris will get these uploaded.

- Communication:

Had call February 2 2017.

Meetings:

1. Discussed rescheduling of FAANG Workshop to Friday afternoon or moving FAANG or Goat Consortium to Tuesday afternoon to avoid the direct conflict with that group. Gwenola Tosser-Klopp is consulting with Huaijun Zhou who was not on the call.

2. Discussed the request from ISAG President J Kijas to advertise the ISAG meeting to the FAANG global email list; this is appropriate but was postponed due to the registration not being ready. David MacHugh is requesting help from FAANG with speakers. Fiona McCarthy also asked for help identifying FAANG researchers who could be encouraged to submit abstracts to the Comparative and Functional Genomics Workshop.

3. There is a draft report of the H2020 Animal Genomics Workshop held in Brussels; Alan Archibald and others are editing; he will report back at next Com Com call.

USDA AFRI Tools and Resources proposal development

Chris reported at the FAANG Workshop at PAG that 15-16 proposals in total from bovine, goat, poultry, swine, and salmonids groups are expected to be submitted later this year.

Old Business

1. Monthly newsletters? *Any volunteers to provide content will be welcome.*

2. Further discussion on working together to foment increased opportunities for FAANG-related projects H2020, FFAR, etc.

New business

Future Steering Committee calls (all at 10 AM US Central time)

April 11

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