

Minutes Steering December 8 2017 (9 AM CDT)

**On call: Chris T, Elisabetta G, Graham P, Zhimin Z, Peter H, Stephen W, Yaling, Hans C, Gwenola TK**  
**Regrets: Jim R**

**Minutes from 26 October 2017 call-** approved

**Announcements** Three projects have received recommendations for funding at AFRI for A1202. This is unofficial so these minutes will be published on-line only after the official notifications.

**Reports from Standing Committee Chairs**

- Animals/Samples/Assays:

EG reported no meeting was held since last SC call. They will have a call after PAG. Perhaps mid-late February. Draft manuscript is being discussed, goal is to get into BiRXiv this year.

- Metadata and Data Sharing:

PH reported the MDR committee met last week, future training plans from the DCC were discussed. There was strong interest in future training around main meetings, ISAFG 2018 (half-day), PAG 2019, ISAG2019 (full day) People are expected to want/need more training after the EBI system update. A video version of training could be in the works. Carl Schmidt indicated that the NSF grant would be interested in supporting such training, especially within the US. The metadata manuscript is being circulated; hope to submit in 2017 yet.

- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis:

No report

- Communication: call held 1December2017

**Meetings planning:**

1. PAG 2018 FAANG Workshop (San Diego) Reminder: to be held Friday January 12, 2018, from 1:30-6 PM. PAG 2018- Friday Jan 12. Huaijun reminded the group of the current plans to hold the FAANG Workshop (now official with PAG) on Friday afternoon. The Program is on-line: <https://pag.confex.com/pag/xxvi/meetingapp.cgi/Session/4789>
2. ISAG 2019- Romi Pena is interested in developing a strong presence of FAANG at the ISAG mtg in 2019. She will follow up in 2018.

**Funding opportunities:**

3. H2020 calls: Martien indicated first stage groups are meeting in December to discuss development of proposals. Species under discussion known to Martine included monogastrics and aquaculture.

4. Comments on FAANG.org website updates for funding announcements- Chris reminded the group that the funding pages have been upgraded, and asked for any suggestions for additional changes be set to him.

#### **Plans for Ann Review Manuscript**

5. Authorship is being discussed and an outline of the manuscript is being developed.

#### **Training**

6. Carl asked for the following to be on the agenda for the Dec 8 Steering Com call: "Discussion of metadata deposit training sessions at ISAFG7, PAG2018 and ISAG2019." Chris asked for comment in Communications. These plans were uniformly viewed as very positive.

This topic sparked additional discussion about training opportunities. Martien indicated that his group at Wageningen U. is organizing a summer course on ChIP-seq; the current plans to offer a few days course that would include both wet lab work using cell lines, as well as analysis of data using developed pipelines. While dates are not set, the current time frame is late June or thereafter. They hope to be able to announce this course offering soon, and certainly by PAG. One announcement venue will be the FAANG.org home page, as well as Angenmap.

### **Old Business**

ISAFG 2018- John Williams (Adelaide) requested a letter of support for ISAFG from FAANG. The ISAFG organizers request help from FAANG to set up and run a Separate Workshop. A request for suggestions and whether help was available was also sent to Comm and Steering Committees. The letter and interested parties was provided in October to John.

Follow-ups: Peter Harrison, Carl, others?

### **New business**

Discussion of metadata deposit training sessions at ISAFG7, PAG2019 and ISAG2019-  
- Carl Schmidt has discussed with PH, and will send a letter to John Williams on the plans for these sessions.

- PH: because of the new system being developed at EBI, clearly more training will be needed. Carl is willing to help with supporting such sessions at PAG2019, Alan Archibald /COST FAANG-Europe may be willing to help at ISAG2019.  
suggested we include more video links on front page of FAANG website.

### **Future Steering Committee calls**

To be scheduled- every 2 months is the target.