

## Minutes Steering 14 June 2018 (9 AM CDT)

**On call:** CKTuggle, GPlastow, HZhou, PHarrison, EGiuffra, GTKlopp

**Regrets:** AArchibald, MGroenen, SWhite

**Minutes from 9 April 2018 call-** review- approved

### **Announcements**

- USDA FAANG awards were announced; see:

<https://www.news.iastate.edu/news/2018/06/13/swinegenomicscoe> and

<https://news.westernu.edu/westernu-college-of-veterinary-medicine-researchers-receive-usda-grant/>

- Graham indicated that a Genome Canada call is imminent.

- The H2020 applicants are discussing with the USDA awardees to position complementary work/ sample collections.

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

- Animals/Samples/Assays:

Huajun reported; the last call dealt with ChIP wet lab protocols- over 30 people attend, there was a high level of interest in these different assays, with common issues identified and discussed. Notes will be assembled and an audio recording made available.

The next call is expected to be at the end of August, to be on Hi-C.

- Metadata and Data Sharing:

Peter reported. The FAANG Strategic Management board (at EBI?) was held recently. A new position for Data Coordination and presentation is opened; please send good applicants to Peter! This new person will work on the back end of the DCC as well as web development.

Peter also reminded folks of the Livestock Genome Conference in September to be held in Hinxton. He also indicated that he is talking with Romi Pena about a MetaData workshop to be held in Lleida at ISAG 2019.

- Bioinformatics and Data Analysis:

*No rep on the call.*

- Communication:

A Zoom call was held June 7, 2018. FAANG-related hands-on workshops on Metadata submission are being held at ISAFG 2018 and planned for PAG 2019 and ISAG 2019. Peter Harrison is funded to go to Adelaide; and is interested in scheduling a similar such workshop at PAG. This is being developed.

John Williams indicated he is interested in suggestions for plenary speakers for ISAFG 2018. Romi Pena is interested in developing a FAANG session at Lleida for ISAG 2019. She requested input.

The EU funding program for FAANG proposals was discussed; 5 of 7 proposals submitted were passed on to the next stage. Three of these are expected to be funded. Two new funding opportunities have been entered at the Funding page of the FAANG Website.

Development of an external advisory Committee to FAANG Steering was discussed; progress has been made in identifying and recruiting interested individuals. Due to decreased business for Communications, we are moving toward having calls only when needed.

A COST meeting is being planned for the end of the project. One plan is to support selected students to attend this meeting.

## **Old Business**

*Discussion of metadata deposit training sessions at ISAFG7, PAG2019 and ISAG2019-*

Peter indicated that the ISAFG meeting will be more of a presentation rather than hands-on training. However, the PAG2019 meeting will be a hands-on Workshop, currently planned for Wednesday that week. More details to come from Peter.

## **New business**

*Discussion on External Advisory Group:*

We decided that a split of the list of names to create a Scientific Advisory Board and an Industrial Liaison Board would be best as it would reflect the two main goals of these groups.

Additional names were discussed; invitations will be sent out with the plan to finalize the two committees by Fall 2018.

## **Future Steering Committee calls**

The group decided that the next call could be after the Livestock Genomics meeting- approximately the end of September or into October. A Doodle will be send out by Chris. Meetings every two months seem adequate.