

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

Nov 13, 2025

9 pm UTC Nov '25 – Feb '26

Members: Aedin, Eliana, Enis, Fabricio, Izabela, Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Laurent, Lluís, Lori, Maria, Martha, Mengbo, Oluwatobilola (Tobi), Stevie, Tuomas, Umar, Zahraa, Zuguang

Attending: Lori, Laurent, Kevin, Izabela, Zuguang, Tuomas, Eliana, Umar, Enis, Stevie, Maria, Zahraa, Aedin, Kozo, Martha

Regrets: Tobi

Guests: Nicholas Cooley

:00 - :5 Welcome + Review minutes from previous meeting for posting

[10-09-2025 minutes](#)

Welcome Nicholas Cooley as the new developer engagement lead

Quick vote internally that we are uncomfortable with AI notetaker and we will not allow/activate in the future. The meetings are already recorded with manual notes and a video recording.

[TODO:] Stevie will reach out to members not present to confirm

:5 - :10 Appointment of Co-Chairs & Secretary

:10 - :45 Update on GBCC2025 - Enis Afgan

Slides (7 total)

“About me” - Introduced himself - Galaxy background

“Outline”

“Role at BioC CAB” - Advocate for BioC in his circles, share info, point to resources/people

“GBCC 2025”

First joint conference, June 2025, CSHL, NY

140 in person + 90 virtual

Role as organiser and chair of scientific committee

Intertwined talks opposed to distinct isolated tracks

Workshops/Training showcasing integration

Social events and gatherings including Galaxy 20th anniversary celebration

“Takeaways”

Conceptual continuity between communities

- Bioconductor: algorithms & analysis + outcome
- Galaxy: SaaS

Future:

- “unconference” to bridge gaps between communities?
- Any new collaborations out of it?
- Again in 2027? Suggested in chat an EU version?

“Technical Work”

- Interactive Tools - Rstudio (utilized for example Bioc Workshops)
- Migrate Rstudio from built-in IP to ToolShedIT and using Bioc based image for use with pre-built Bioc binaries

“Future plans”

RStudio/Bioconductor on Galaxy

AnVIL (unlikely after Alex Mahmoud left)

Discussion:

- BioFAIR Pathfinder collaboration inspired from discussions at the event (application in draft, deadline to submit 15 December)
- Is there a pathway to getting publications/workflows from Bioconductor into Galaxy easily?
 - An automated process of Nexflow to Galaxy was attempted in past and did not go well
- BuildABiocWorkshop approach to workshops at BiocAsia, EuroBioC, BioC etc. With Alex's departure, will there be a way to continue this?

:45 - :59 Discussion Regarding Bioc Communities - Laurent Gatto & Maria Doyle

- There's no formal way to create local or national communities, but it might be useful to think about how we could help or even promote this. This [discussion](#) point stems from a discussion from users from Czechia (with Maria), that are willing to set up a national network, organise training (for developers, users), train new trainers, During the last EuroBioc2025 conference in Barcelona, I proposed a [BoF session](#) on ‘How can the Bioconductor community help early career researchers’. It was well attended, with many discussion points. The person from Czechia (see above) was present, and followed up with Maria. The EuroBioc conference has evolved over time from a developer’s meeting to a conference attended by users with different levels of experience, including younger participants/PhD/master students, and this discussion seemed rather useful. Here’s a picture of the [whiteboard](#) I used to keep track of the comments/discussion points and here are [Federico’s notes](#).
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- What are options for online courses? Online training? Physialia courses? Bioconductor YouTube?

- But how do we also build the community within a region?
 - Hackathons?
 - Linking junior developers with more advanced?
- Revamp the idea of a member profile/directory (Lori was interested in developing if anyone else is interested in trying to move this forward)

[TODO:] Maria Create a Zulip channel for Czechia as pilot

:50 - :55 PkgMaintainer App Demo - Lori

[Slides](#)

:56 - :57 CAB/TAB Exchange

TAB Recap:

Introduction of New Members

Bioc 3.22 Released

TAB lead discussion by Jacques Serizay on multi omics

Other Working Group updates

Workflows: Agreement with JOSE for workflow/publication

Training: Solicit more BioHowTos , Physalia collaboration

Multiomic Integration of Histopathology Image Analysis: imageTCGA develop

Governance Charter Discussion - voting on proposal will be established soon.

CAB Please look at the proposal and make any comments or questions asap

PkgMaintainer App Demo

Any Issues CAB would like for TAB:

TAB should organize a joint meeting as the last several were done by CAB

:58 - 00 Any other business

- Any other business
- Clarifying any TODOs