Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

Jan 08, 2026

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: Laurent, Eliana, Tuomas, Kevin, Stevie, Kozo, Izabela, Nicholas, Enis, Maria, Tobi. Lori (Late), Lluís (Late)
Regrets: Johannes
Guests: Leo

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

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:5–10 Managing Ongoing Tasks
https://github.com/orgs/Bioconductor/projects/15
We understand that this is volunteer but to keep track of ideas and TODOs and try to push things forward that we feel are important

:10-30: CAB Led Discussion: Leo

Title: Opportunities and pitfalls in Bioc community engagement: experiences from microbiome community building efforts
- [History of science: The crucible of change | Nature](#) - "What marks out modern science is not the conduct of experiments (alchemists also conducted experiments), but the formation of a critical community capable of assessing discoveries and replicating results."
- From phyloSeq to (Tree)SE
- Pitfalls: community building takes time & life situation changes; moving targets (fast moving life sciences); friction to change (eg new data structures, technologies); substantial infrastructure work (limited resources, skills, interest); substantial PR work (limited resources, skills, interest); giving credit & expectations can work; relations and random chance play a role.
- Kevin: Community and maintenance - [RSMF Round 2: Announcing key updates and timeline | SSI](#)
  - Kevin is exploring the possibility to submit an EoI around Bioconductor

○ The example of this microbiome community would be a great example of positive products from the Bioconductor projects to highlight in such a proposal

:30-:50 Discussion Point Follow Up

Nicholas's discussion points
- Adding to existing packages -> Focus on hackathons, building on strengths of tidyomics & Orchestrating Spatial experiences. Hacktoberfest is tough for release timing
- Is "BioconductorFest" an idea we should follow up?
  - Kevin: This could include informal hackathon sessions, encouraging less experienced R users to practice their programming on fun tasks, e.g.
  - https://github.com/kevinrue/BiocPkgToolsPlus uses BiocPkgTools to analyse the Bioconductor package ecosystem. Note that an added benefit of doing that at a Bioconductor event is that it allows hack(athon)ers to ask technical questions to Core team members present at the event.
- https://github.com/kevinrue/biocwallpaper (work in progress) repackages code in https://github.com/kevinrue/biochexwall/ to produce a package that will facilitate the production of 'hexwalls' from vignettes hosted on https://github.com/Bioconductor/BiocStickers

Laurent & Maria discussion points
- Coffee times + Bioconductor seminar series?

Collection of points to bring to next conference committee meetings
- Awards
- New participant badge
- Instead of meet CAB/TAB - "happy hour" mingle
- "Buddy system"

:50-:55 Bioc Asia Report [Stevie]

:55-:00 Any Other Business
February agenda:
   We were thinking of having some presentations on currently awarded fellowships/grants/etc. Does anyone want a spot to briefly describe goals/aims?
      Kevin - Fellowship
      Lori - R50
      Others?

TAB looking at a joint meeting in March. Be on lookout for more information