

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

Apr 9, 2026

12 pm UTC | 1pm BST Mar '26 - Oct '26

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

Attending: Tobi, Tuomas, Lori, Stevie, Kozo, Eliana, Johannes, Laurent, Kevin, Zuguang, Aedin, Lluís, Maria,

Regrets: Izabela

Guests:

:00 - :03 Welcome + Review minutes from previous meeting for posting

[March Minute](#)

:03-05 Managing Ongoing Tasks

<https://github.com/orgs/Bioconductor/projects/15>

:05-08 Joint CAB/TAB

- May 7 (TAB normal day) during CAB time (12 UTC | 1 BST)
 - Lori and Helena will get a calendar invite out
- May 14 Cancelled.

:08-35: CAB Led Discussion: Kozo

☐ Updating our multilingual and event management systems

Crowdin is overly complicated and often results in broken website builds

Cannot specify where not to translate (like code chunks)

Testing of AI: ChatGPT+ / Claude

Will involve a cost if translator do not already have tools

Funding sources or free tiers to get these tools?

Ambassadors:

Recruit and select language repository managers

Host local language workshops using translated materials (to work with modify and find AI mistakes)

Can we give these ambassadors incentives? (like travel scholarship to BioC)

Maybe with the expectation of doing a presentation or workshop on translations too?

If Okay with proceeding:

Document new guidelines

Share how to use translation agent skills

Test with Japanese translation
Create blog post / zulip post with updated process

Zuguang:

Past project of translating sections of Modern Statistics book
Interesting in translating more materials
Kozo is also interested in following up on this. Will resume conversation on Zulip

:35-55: Open Discussion

Discussion Points for CAB/TAB

Funding Updates (Bioc PIs)
R-universe Transition - Daily Builders and [SPB](#). (Core Team)
Blog post:
<https://blog.bioconductor.org/posts/2026-04-08-r-universe-collaboration/>
Github Transition - Removing private git server to use github (Core Team)
Centralizing Materials and Resources (Maria)
Interoperability of other languages and Bioconductor (Tuomas)
AI policies on creating and reviewing
Co-organizing conferences/hackathons with other groups (Laurent / Nicholas)
Scverse
Symbiotic relationship - what do we bring? What do they bring?

CAB elections 2026

We have been aligning with the US conference which is Aug. So maybe start an open call in May and close in Aug. Voting Sept. New members Oct?
Those that need re-election: Aedin, Johannes, Kozo, Umar, Stevie, Enis, Mengbo

After general elections will be officer elections: Please consider running for chair/secretary

Discussion out of developer forum

Bioconductor wish list: <https://github.com/Bioconductor/Wishlist-for-Bioconductor>
(Should we make it clear that this is a collection of ideas but the core team is small - encourage community coordination/participation - or community writing somewhere they are taking on this task)
Example for R: <https://github.com/HenrikBengtsson/Wishlist-for-R/issues>
Zulip topic: [#developers-forum > WISH: Wishlist-for-Bioconductor Issue tracker](#)

Bioconductor Awards

Do we restart them? - Erica would need names by July 1

If we restart, need someone to take the lead who's not Lori

Don't want to snowball into a thousand awards.

Maybe split to 1 award per conference?

Note: current awards come out of conference budget

Decision:

Skip Awards this year.

Highlight Champions Program instead.

Gives us time to rethink/reformat awards for future years

:55-:00 Any Other Business

Release 3.23 coming: <https://bioconductor.org/developers/release-schedule/>