

Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Minutes

January 09

Members: Aedin, Enis, Hédia, Janani, Jasmine, Jiefei, Johannes, Kevin, Kozo, Leo, Lluís, Lori, Luyi, Maria, Mengbo, Nicole, Oluwatobilola (Tobi), Stevie, Umar, Xueyi, Zahraa

Attending: Stevie, Tobi, Lluís, Kevin, Maria, Kozo, Johannes, Aedin

Regrets: Leo, Janani

Guests:

Notes: Unfortunately this zoom meeting was not recorded due to an oversight by Stevie Pederson

Schedule

:00 - :05 Welcome!

:4 - :05 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting
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:5 - :10 Action items from last meeting

[] not started, [-] ongoing, [?] status unknown/feedback required, [C] canceled, [X] done.

- [-] **Janani:** Blog post on R-Ladies engagement. Waiting for OK from R-Ladies to publish. Figure out a working group, too. Blog post approved from our side (Maria, Janani from CAB); and Yani from R-Ladies leadership. Awaiting post date. Will reactivate the working group soon after the tandem release of the blog post.
(#r-ladies)
- [-] **Maria:** set up a joint public channel with the Galaxy community for ongoing communication before and after GBCC2025. Maria will discuss with the communication person from Galaxy (Natalie's replacement).
- [?] **Nicole:** reach out on Slack to see if there are interested people to join the industry working group. Otherwise, update the status of the working group.
- [-] **Lori/Maria:** Start/Advertise an "Event" working group that can be workshops, capentries, conferences, etc.... (Ellis, Hedia, Kozo)

:12-:30 CAB 2025 Planning

- Where do we see CAB doing well and what areas do we think we need to increase our focus on for 2025?
- What are our personal interests for the groups we're hoping to represent on the CAB?
- Are there working groups that are needed or that are flagging?
 - Kevin: Interested in CoC, Inclusivity, Encouraging people to exchange of ideas a bit more
 - Lluís: BiocClasses working group, make it easier to develop Bioc packages in relation to classes eg S4, when to use a class. Improve documentation that Bioc provides, working with CRAN to provide Bioc HTML help pages
 - Tobin: Joined teaching group meeting in Dec, wants to learn more
 - Kozo: Translation, Crowdin, translation into Japanese
 - Johannes: Better interaction between developers eg some new packages reimplement instead of reusing. Encourage developers (new and established) to talk to each other more, reach out to start collaborations or join development.
 - Maria: Grow Bioc community in areas we don't have much presence, like Africa and Brazil where this year there are workshops. Continue supporting events and meetings through new working group.
 - Stevie: Keep the BiocAsia community strong beyond Australia. Social media coordination.
 - **ACTION: Stevie will draft blog post for 2025 to let people know about CAB, its goals and how they can reach out to us. All CAB will give input. This can also be shared on the Slack channel as the potential key connection point for the Bioconductor community**

:30 - :40 CAB/TAB information exchange [Lori]

(permanent item to allow information exchange between CAB and TAB)

There is supposed to be a bi-annual joint meeting but it hasn't happened for a while,

- May be important to hold early in the year as both the TAB & CAB set their agendas

:40-:45 EU Cyber Resilience Act

- "Event/Engagement" working group proposed
- Lluís mentioned that this is very much an unfolding process, with most of the effort currently centred around the R Consortium
- Maria mentioned that the implications for Bioconductor are still unclear, but Vince is aware of how this is progressing

:45 - :50 Other Business

- Time of CAB meeting. Rotating 3 times per year is good in theory but attendance seems down, and times like 1am make it difficult for US to attend. Important that core people (chairs and secretary) can attend. **ACTION: Stevie and other core people will discuss.**

[EuroBioC](#) September 17-19, 2025, at the Barcelona Biomedical Research Park ([PRBB](#)), in Barcelona, Spain

Well done all, our work building community connections Bioconductor and EU ELIXIR are reflected in that Bioconductor was mentioned in the recent [ELIXIR and NIH Memorandum of Agreement](#) (sep 2024). Can we discuss this at an upcoming meeting but we can benefit from the three main areas in the [MoA](#).