

# Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Agenda

March 14 at 5 AM GMT

Members: Maria, Kozo, Aedin, Lori, Johannes, Daniela, Estefania, Kevin, Mike, Hédia, Xueyi, Leo, Nicole, Janani, Umar, Stevie, Luyi, Jiefei, Jordana, Enis, Mengbo

Attending: Kozo, Maria, Stevie, Kevin, Jiefei, Xueyi, Johannes

Regrets: Janani

Guests: Alex Mahmoud

Schedule

**:00 - :05: Welcome!**

**:05 - :06 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting  
February Meeting OK**

**:07 - :15: Joint Galaxy-Bioconductor conference in 2025 (Alex/Lori)**

- Background info:
  - Planning a joint conference of Bioconductor and Galaxy in 2025.
  - Galaxy had joined conferences before.
  - Galaxy is used for workshops for conferences.
  - Idea is to work closer together in future.
  - Conference durations: Galaxy 3 days conference, 3 days hackathon/networking (collaboration fest). First 3 days are more expensive, the second 3 days cheaper (about 10\$ per day).
- CAB agrees that this is a good idea.

**:15 - :34 EDAM-bio.tools Group Collaboration Proposal (Maria)**

- Offer from the EDAM group in Europe/France to collaborate with Bioconductor for EDAM/biotools integration.
- EDAM: defines an ontology for software. Similar to BiocViews, but BiocViews is only for Bioconductor, while EDAM is used more broadly (also used by Galaxy).
- Note there is an existing 2021 BiocChallenge [EDAMviews Challenge](#)
- The EDAM group proposes submitting a project proposal for the ELIXIR Biohackathon, with the submission **deadline being April 8th**. If accepted it is possible to join.
- For background information and detailed discussion from the recent meeting with the EDAM group, see respective Meeting Notes (internal, not shared).
- TESS can read also Bioschemas, which can link to EDAM; example of one bioschema:

<https://github.com/sneumann/xcms/blob/devel/vignettes/xcms-lcms-ms.bioschemas.html> - but this should be done more systematically.

- Ultimately this would help make packages and vignettes more findable.
- EDAM ontology should/would be linked on the (new) website.
- [Side note] Vince has maintained the biocViews ontologies in <https://github.com/Bioconductor/biocViews> .
- Kevin: biocView terms not perfect, sometimes misleading.
- Stevie: biocView useful for finding packages, but integrating with platform agnostic ontology would be beneficial.
- Decision needed: Does the CAB endorse submitting a proposal for the Biohackathon deadline April 8th? Claire from EDAM has started drafting a proposal. CAB agrees.
- [Action Maria]: create working group. Recruit volunteers (jo, others?).

#### **:34 - :36 CAB paper status (Maria) [move to April]**

- Teaching committee is about to write a paper. We need to avoid overlap.
  - In the case of Galaxy, the two papers are written separately for "Community" and "Training".
    - <https://academic.oup.com/nar/article/50/W1/W345/6572001>
    - <https://journals.plos.org/ploscompbiol/article?id=10.1371/journal.pcbi.1010752>
- Decided to discuss again in April to give people the chance to check the documents.

#### **:-: - :-: Evaluation of social logins (Lori) [move to April]**

- Remove social login as an option.
- Lori to provide some analytics on usage of social logins.

#### **:36 - :44 ISMB/GLBIO 2024 booth/presence**

ISMB 2024 (Jul '24)

Booth: \$2,850

- 1 registration
- Furniture for set-up; would be nice to have a banner for Bioconductor.
- Internet/wi-fi

Tech talks @ ISMB

- 20min – \$620
- 40min – \$830

Part of the program | parallel to the COSIs

Half day education presentation: 5000\$; might be something of interest too.

Success circles; CAB: maybe less interesting.

- \$500
- During happy hour
- Networking hour
- On a specific topic
- Not overlapping with COSI
- Table of 6 folks
- Food and beverage included
- Round robin of all such tables n x 6

Brand awareness; maybe less interesting.

- Registration sponsor: \$3,200
- Logos at the registration desk + linkout: \$500
- Luggage check sponsor: \$1,600
- Newsletter: \$500
- Social media: \$150 (depending on the platform)

Budget eventually available.

GLBIO 2024 (May '24)

Exhibit booth + logos + webpage: \$1,500 (what's included – same as ISMB)

Pricing sheet included via slack

#### **:44 - :48 Bioconductor conference organization**

- Agree to rebrand to have 3 “equal” conferences per year.
- Postpone meeting because key persons (Janani) not present.

#### **:48 - :00 Other Business**

- Next shift is 6 hours, not ideal for some in US.
- 8 hour shift would have been late for Asia/Australia.
- Next shift eventually by 10 hours?
- Ideally, if for one shift we use 6 hours, the next we should choose 10.
- Maybe have a better TODO list? To allow offline/asynchronous communication?  
Discuss next meeting.

