# Bioconductor Community Advisory Board (CAB) Minutes

November, 10, 2022 14:00 UTC and 14:00 GMT

Members: Kozo, Matt, Aedin, Yagoub, Lori, Johannes, Susan, Leonardo, Benilton, Daniela, Estefania, Kevin, Mike, Hédia, Xueyi, Leo, Nicole, Janani

Attending: Kozo, Lori, Mike, Nicole, Xueyi, Susan, Kevin, Johannes, Aedin, Yagoubm
Benilton, Leo
Regrets: Matt, Leonardo, Daniela, Estafania, Hedia, Janani
Guests: Maria

Schedule
**:00 - :5: Welcome!**

**:5 - :6 Review minutes from previous meeting for posting**
    [TAB/CAB joint meeting](#)

**:7- :30 Discussion**

    **2022 Goal: Community Engagement:**
    **Goal for 2022:** organize community engagement, new people, and collaboration
    IDEAS: Hackathon/ Translation-a-thon / Workshop Viewing Parties, online board to
    announce study assignment topics?

    Hacktoberfest - should play earlier. Some useful interactions
    [https://bioconductor.github.io/biocblog/posts/2022-10-22-awesome-lists/](https://bioconductor.github.io/biocblog/posts/2022-10-22-awesome-lists/)
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    Prepare earlier so we can announce at Bioc2023 and other conferences.
    <span style="color:red">Action</span>: Maybe we could invite someone from Hacktoberfest to talk at a CAB meeting
    <span style="color:red">Action</span>: Blog post about the success of Hacktoberfest
    <span style="color:red">Action</span>: Maria working with CSCCE to see how we can maximize these events. Can
    we offer Swag (Hacktoberfest Bioconductor sticker), or create a package
    (DOI)/blog/article which is written by participant and can be cited (aka CV fodder)

    What about Bioconductor CAB on Mastodon? Who is considering the move?
    Can we use this move as an opportunity for more engagement?
- Which servers are good ? fosstodon.org, genomic.social, ecoevo.social, fediscience.org,mastodon.social, mstdn.science, scholar.social,sciencemastodon.com
- Many bioinformatics groups on genomic.social. Big journals on sciencemastodon.com
- Fosstodon.org is a moderated open source software platform

Action: Joe Rickert (joseph.rickert@rstudio.com) may know if R is creating a server?(AC)

Several Bioconductor CAB members have fosstodon accounts:
    Susan, Johannes, Kevin, Leo

Do we need to develop a broad social media agenda. Instagram /LinkedIn etc. Instagram is popular in Brazil and other countries.

    **Voted** to create a LinkedIn Page for Bioconductor.
    Maria mentioned there is a opportunity to hire an undergraduate media & journalism student to create content for social media

Should CAB/TAB or working group members be able to add their Bioconductor position to their linkedin resume?

    **Voted:** Start a social media working group. Join #social-media slack channel if interested

**China &  Google services issue raised in Bioc events.**
- We have used Google in a  lot of application forms for Bioconductor, including the recent CoC committee and the Carpentries instructor application form, which may unintentionally exclude the Chinese community due to restricted accessibility in China. **Xueyi** created the BioC Asia scholarship application form,in a Chinese alternative version using Tencent Questionnaire (https://wj.qq.com/s2/11107057/dd57/ ). However, this platform doesn't have multilingual support and the dashboard can only be displayed in Chinese, which requires someone that speaks Chinese to create the form and download the data for every form. Since there is a large Bioconductor user base in China, I think it is worth raising the issue and discussing in the CAB meeting.
- Some other sites Bioconductor use (Youtube, Twitter) are also blocked https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_websites_blocked_in_mainland_China so maybe worth discussing if there are other/cross-posting options for those.
- Xueyi suggests cross-posting videos onto Bilibili (https://www.bilibili.com/ ) . Other communication may be posted onto WeChat Official Accounts (https://mp.weixin.qq.com/cgi-bin/loginpage?t=wxm2-login&lang=en_US ) or Weibo (the Chinese version of twitter,  https://weibo.com/ ).

- Action; Investigate if  there ways to automate the cross-posting Twitter->WeChat/Weibo, YouTube->Bilibili? Other video platform example: https://sepiasearch.org: Is this available in China?

Action: schedule review of developer mentorship program. Cycle 1 is now complete. (This program evaluation tipsheet might be useful here)

https://github.com/Bioconductor/bioc_mentorship_docs
Need to create report, survey of results

**Blog Submission .** discussion of criteria for blog submission.
**Action: Assign to social media working group.**

OrcID list for Developers to put into the package DESCRIPTION.
- In the TAB it was suggested that was strongly encourage maintainers to include in the DESCRIPTION if available (but not necessarily a hard requirement)
    - **Action:** Will update contribution/submission documentation and let reviewers know to suggest it

**Code for Science & Society incubator**
$7k stipend from CS&S closing Dec 2nd, would CAB want to apply with any project e.g. outreach/translation under theme Localization, translation, adaptation ? https://www.codeforsociety.org/incubator/accepting-proposals

**Set up Meeting Discussion:** Aedin, Leo, Kozo,Benilton, Kevin

- Maria - CSCCE community outreach course. What was useful
    - Good for summarising current status of community (see poster for my take on it, questions/comments welcome in Slack if not enough time here)
    - Main suggested things to work on: see if can plan more regularly scheduled activities (vs ad hoc) and articulate engagement strategy in playbook
    - Next steps:
        - Maria having fortnightly meetings with CSCCE to work towards contributing guide (create internal playbook / community engagement strategy for CAB first)
        - Maria will be doing CSCCE Community Manager Certification course starting end Q1 2023

**:31 - :47 CAB Regular Working Groups Reports**
**Reminder: PR http://workinggroups.bioconductor.org and update**

- **General:** Come up with schedule of working group presentations
    - **TODO**: Aedin/Lori/Maria create an assignment of working groups to attend and present with updates

- **Website working group update**.

- Working group for initial requirements will be meeting 3rd Thursday month 1pm ET in Nov, Dec, Jan

- **Publication working group** - did we decide about the Open Source journals?
    - Good experience with JOSS recently, with important paper by Aaron Lun: https://joss.theoj.org/papers/10.21105/joss.04742

- **Carpentries program**, new application form
    - 12 responses so far
    - Australia:1, Asia:2, Africa:3 (2 have <= 1 month R), Europe:4, North America:2
    - No one based in South/Latin America (although 1 in US has Mexico connection, 1 in Europe has Brazil connection)

## :48 - :50 CAB Documents

### Election Timeline document
- Decided to create at previous CAB meeting, Apr 2022
- Created now in CAB folder for quick access

### Spreadsheet of diversity
- Decided to create at previous CAB meeting, Apr 2022
- Purpose: In an effort to have quick diversity information available for reporting and to make sure we continue to have a diverse group of members, I would like to propose a spreadsheet to keep track of information on CAB members. Members at election time would update information (opting to not respond / not answer is acceptable and always an option)
- Spreadsheet now created here in CAB folder
- CAB members please populate if comfortable answering

## :51 - :55 Bioconductor Event Reports

### Hackoctober fest
- Kevin ran an event (To see past event pages on meetup.com, you need to sign in to meetup.com.) showcasing how to contribute to the Carpentries style Bioconductor data science introduction repository.
    - One participant, using their Hacktoberfest PRs to proofread every single episode of the lesson and fix typos that Kevin hadn't spotted there for months.
- Kozo ran an event (To see past event pages on meetup.com, you need to sign in to meetup.com.) for co-writing a post for the Bioconductor community blog.
    - One participant contributed a post. https://bioconductor.github.io/biocblog/posts/2022-10-22-awesome-lists/
- Great contributions were made by both event attendees, but the number of participants was small. We need to find better ways to increase event attendance.

**Bioc2023 - Boston.**
**EuroBioc**

**BiocAsia2022**
- It will take place in a hybrid format in Melbourne on December 1 and 2.
- The event website is https://biocasia2022.bioconductor.org/ and the schedule is https://biocasia2022.bioconductor.org/schedule/ .

Aedin presented a short talk on Biocoductor organization to OHDSI governance working group who are currently reviewing their governance structure.

Maria presented short talk on Bioconductor at Young Irish Statisticians meeting and short talk at PyLadies Dublin meetup.
Maria presenting short 5-min talk at RinPharma

**:55 - :00 Other Business**

This would be the time to adjust the meeting start time to better accommodate a different time zone – did we have suggestions? move it back to earlier time? or should we send out a doodle poll?