

**GOBLET Fund raising committee report
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Mission of the Fund-raising committee

- Stimulate collaborative projects within GOBLET & the training community
- Raise funds to sustain GOBLET and its projects

All documents cited here and related to the Fund-raising Committee are available in this Google folder:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B8ZKPDrySK_UHh1RDE5NGI2Slk

Objectives set from last AGM

- a. Finalize sponsorship package
- b. Draft letter to send to funders
- c. Clean up funder list
- d. Start sending our sponsorship package
- e. Approach ELIXIR/EXCELERATE for sponsorship

Progress and achievements reached, against the set objectives

Sponsorship package – Train the trainers in NGS

- a. The Sponsorship package, describing a model of Train-the-Trainer workshops linked to NGS workshops, has been finalized. Two posters about it have been presented at ISMB16 and ECCB16, however they did not attract many people outside the usual GOBLET crowd. Eija and Patricia approached CRC Press during ECCB16 to discuss about a possible collaboration regarding this project as well, but they were not successful (it's not part of the CRC Press budget scope).
- b. The draft letter that can be used to approach funders or partners is well advanced. It can be used with small personalised tweaks.
- c. The funder list has been started by Patricia. Zahra cleaned it up a bit. Though it still needs some work to become useful, it is already a seed start.
- d. Instead of sending the sponsorship package anonymously, the idea was that each member of the FRC would adopt a sponsor/partner. Eija has adopted CRC Press (see point c). This idea could still be pushed forward but it needs a bit more commitment from all (including the chair) to make it happen.

Other funding opportunities

- a. ELIXIR-EXCELERATE: The chances that ELIXIR-EXCELERATE would provide funds for GOBLET specifically for the Sponsorship Package are close to zero. Many ELIXIR Nodes are already receiving funds for a Train the Trainers project and several of the actions are *de facto* common to "GOBLET and ELIXIR" and labelled as such.
- b. Seizing funding opportunities is important and Terri has made an amazing work in that direction, but unfortunately not everything has been successful:
 - **Viral Learning** submitted several times - not granted;

- **CHARME** EU COST Action - money for networking, but no money directly for GOBLET;
- **OBTAIN** proposal submitted – but not much hope it will be granted;
- **BD2K** (Phil Bourne) opportunity did not lead anywhere because we would have to submit an NIH proposal, but none of us, nor GOBLET are USA entities; this was not going to be considered a grant supplement as initially thought.

4) The top 3 challenges you and your committee members see for this committee

- a. Fundraising opportunities for training are not easy or well matched to GOBLET;
- b. Seizing opportunities is important, but they take a lot of time for not much tangible results;
- c. Finding time to devote to fund raising is really hard in a volunteer basis;

5) The top 3 actions you and your committee members view as priority for the future

- a. Push the Sponsorship Package forward. It would not necessarily bring funds for GOBLET but it would fulfil the 1st mission of this committee e.g. stimulate collaborative projects within GOBLET & the training community.
- b. Collect more ideas for fund raising (ideas for how to [spend money](#) have been collected in 2014) and put them in practice (easier said than done).
- c. Galvanize the committee members to put the ideas in practice.