Executive report

• On behalf of the Executive Board
  – Terri Attwood, Michelle Brazas, Fran Lewitter, Vicky Schneider
  • brief review of actions
  • accomplishments since last AGM
**Actions**

- **Executive Board**
  - Update fee structure to allow for 3yr payment option ✔
  - Update fee structure to allow low/middle income country members to participate ✔
  - Invite ELIXIR node institutions to be GOBLET members ...
  - Update benefits distinction in membership levels; narrow down membership levels ✔
  - Update membership table with contributor status ✔
  - Fran to compile list of possible new members and invite to GOBLET ...
  - Revise and ratify the statutes for next year ✔
  - Terri to update mission and vision on website ✔

**Accomplishments**

- **Papers**
  - *A global perspective on bioinformatics training needs*
    - preprint to be submitted to BioRxiv
  - Nature Comment
    - to be submitted
  - *White paper/paper*
    - *Defining a lingua franca for the ELIXIR/GOBLET e-learning ecosystem*
      - preprint to be submitted to Zenodo/F1000
      - lead author to be identified for publication
Accomplishments

- GOBLET recognised ELIXIR strategic collaboration, March

Accomplishments

- ELIXIR-GOBIET metagenomics workshop, April, Hinxton
Accomplishments

• Training needs for biocuration workshop, April, Geneva

Accomplishments

• ISMB 2016, July, Orlando
  – GOBLET booth
  – LET & Fund-raising Committee posters
  published in F1000Research
    = https://f1000research.com/posters/5-2152
    = https://f1000research.com/posters/5-1683
Accomplishments

- ECCB 2016, Sept, The Hague
  - GOBLET booth
  - LET & Fund-raising Committee posters
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Accomplishments

- NETTAB 2016, special E&T session, October, Rome
GOBLET BEST PRACTICES IN BIOINFORMATICS TRAINING, Day 2
GOBLET/ELIXIR T&I session
Friday, 4 November

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Accomplishments

• EMBL-ABR/GOBLET workshop, November, Melbourne
Accomplishments

• GOBLET in the news
  – EMBnet.digest, February 2016
  – EMBnet.digest, July 2016

• Grants applied for
  – Marie Sklodowska-Curie ITN re-submission – Anton Feenstra
  – Viral Learning X
  – ICTP – Simon Hodson (CODATA-RDA)
  – Data Science Summer School, Trieste, 2017 – bioinformatics flavour ✔
  – EU CSA – Susanne Hollmann (CHARME)
  – establishing a framework for training in open science (OBTAIN) ?
  – ‘NIH BD2K’ outline proposal – Terri et al.
  – Symposium to promote excellence in data science training ?
Main challenges

• Top three
  – coordinating meetings across N.American, European & Australian time-zones
    • somebody always suffered, or couldn’t attend
  – balancing day job deadlines/priorities with GOBLET responsibilities
    • delivering in a timely way
  – galvanising the committees
    • completely failed with the Outreach & PR Committee

Main actions

• Urgent actions
  – securing a reliable server-maintenance package
  – hiring a technical intern
  – addressing the gap created by the Outreach & PR Committee

• Other actions
  – find a better working relationship with the Committees
    • work with the Fund-raising Committee to try to bring in funds
  – get the survey paper published
  – deliver a robust, well-documented TtT package
    • roll out with interested organisations
Technical Committee
Manuel Corpas/Carlos Horros

• Top 3 challenges
  ➢ having sufficient manpower to deliver on tasks
    ➢ e.g., portal update/overhaul, which is a non-trivial project
  ➢ managing people in distant locales
  ➢ having to rely on people to work independently
  ➢ getting engagement with the portal

• Top 3 priority actions
  ➢ justify hiring an intern in order to move pending tasks forward
  ➢ for Manny to share Tech. Comm. information from last 3 years
  ➢ migration/change of ownership of current server & domain
    ➢ with caveat that website won’t disappear because Itico has

Fund-raising Committee
Patricia Palagi

• Top 3 challenges
  ➢ funding opportunities for training aren’t well matched to GOBLET
  ➢ seizing opportunities, while important, takes a lot of time
    ➢ often without tangible outcomes
  ➢ devoting time to fund raising is hard on a volunteer basis

• Top 3 priority actions
  ➢ push the Sponsorship Package forward
    ➢ won’t necessarily provide funds, but would fulfill committee’s 1st mission
      ➢ i.e., stimulate collaborative projects with training community
  ➢ gather more ideas for fund raising (on top of those collected in 2014)
    ➢ easier said than done!
  ➢ galvanise committee members to put ideas into practice
LET Committee
Nicky Mulder, Celia van Gelder

• Top 3 challenges
  – finding time to dedicate to GOBLET activities, which hampers progress
    • this actually should become a consideration for the GOBLET incentives committee!
  – finding suitable dates & times to meet regularly
  – creating actionable priorities
    • translating aspirations into concrete & achievable (evaluable) results
  – LET members have different efforts related to bioinformatics E&T
    • these weren’t explicitly harmonised into clear added value for GOBLET

• Top 3 priority actions
  – get “trainer support platform” pages online
    • TFs created useful info for the website (e.g., links to papers, best-practices, competency profiles, etc.) - want to build on this in future
  – get e-learning section onto website
    • this is listed as one action, but is actually a lot of (hard) work
  – complete & disseminate competencies

Standards Committee
Pascale Gaudet

• Top 3 challenges
  – overlap in objectives with LET & Tech committees
    • communication needs to be improved
  – scope not clearly defined
    • a significant amount of effort was spent inefficiently
  – standardisation in education is a wide problem
    • don’t have the resources to address this fully

• Top 3 priority actions
  – implement training materials descriptors
  – get feedback from users & refine
  – discuss & implement course material descriptors
Outreach & PR Committee
Erik Bongcam-Rudloff

• Report sent at the weekend in the wrong format

• Top 3 challenges
  – ?

• Top 3 priority actions
  – ?

Common issues

• Top 3 challenges
  – balancing GOBLET with day job
  – scheduling meetings across time zones
    • making the committees work effectively
  – manpower to do stuff

• Top 3 priority actions
  – improving the website
  – hiring another technical intern
  – fund-raising
Conclusion

• Another very busy year
  – we’ve worked hard
    • but there’s always more to be do...
• Huge thanks to all who’ve mucked in!
  – a plea to everyone to help build on this foundational work
    • help to spread the word…