

2014 MASC annual meeting agenda

Date/time: Wednesday, 30th July, **2:00-3:30 pm**

(coffee/tea service, no audio/visual equipment)

Location: Gage Residence, Mary Murrin 3 Room, Vancouver, Canada

1. Welcome (by *Nick Provert*)
2. MASC coordinator / MASC report (by *Luise Brand*)
 - MASC meeting minutes 2013 - update on action items
 - MASC annual report
 - News
 - Input on new forms: Subcommittees, Projects and Resources, Country Representatives
 - Format of report still useful?
 - MASC internet pages: www.arabidopsisresearch.org
 - Abstract submission system for ICAR – TAIR system?
 - MASC meeting minutes who gets this information?
 - How to efficiently discuss/inform between MASC meetings?
 - Use Arab-gen mailing list, set up forum or new MASC newsgroup or mailing list, use surveys?
3. MASC Subcommittees (SC)
 - Updates
 - Bioinformatics (by *Nick Provert*), ORFeomics (by *Motoaki Seki*, *Joe Ecker*), Systems Biology (by *Siobhan Brady*)
 - Epigenomics as new SC or include into existing SC
4. ICAR
 - Presentation ICAR site 2015, Paris, France: 26th ICAR at the Palais des Congrès, Paris, 5th-9th July 2015 (by *Catherine Perrot-Rechenmann*)
 - MASC session at ICAR 2015?
 - Update on ICAR site June 29th-July 3rd 2016, Gyeongju, South Korea (by *Inhwan Hwang*)
 - Low registration for ICAR 2014 – Future of ICAR? (by *Dominique Bergmann*) → topic specific and multi-plant meetings successful
 - ICAR site selection 2017 – North America (NAASC) ...2019
Wuhan, China
5. MASC new appointments
 - Introduce new MASC chair for 2014/15 Nicholas Provert
 - Proposal for new MASC co-chair 2015/16 Loïc Lepinec
6. A new model for MASC as society? (by *Ruth Bastow*)
 - Reasons, possible models, set up committee to design white paper
7. Open floor
 - should a new feature be introduced to TAIR, allowing community members to comment on genome annotation and report/flag suspected genome sequence and/or annotation errors (by *Viktor Zarsky*)

Notes:

Additional Information:

See 2) Summary of MASC action items 2013

- A) IAIC plans 1-2 day workshop directly prior the 25th ICAR2014, Vancouver
topic: AIP structure and modules – presentation of AIP modules, requirements for implementation of AIP modules, support for applications regarding funding of AIP module development **DONE**
- B) IAIC plans AIP session at 25th ICAR2014, Vancouver **DONE**
- C) Proposal for funding to complement ORF clone set by synthetic synthesis has to be written until 25th ICAR 2014, Vancouver. (Joe Ecker and Motoaki Seki will work on this and see if international approach is possible, Luise Brand will follow up and include in next year's MASC report) **NO INFO**
- D) Natural Variation and Phenomics Subcommittee should work together to organize the phenotyping of the 1001 genome lines (Fabio Fiorani, Robert Furbank will work on this together with Brian Dilkes and Chris Pires; Luise will follow up and include in next year's MASC report) **DISCUSSIONS BEGAN in 2014**
- E) Find new country to get involved in funding of the MASC coordinator until 25th ICAR 2014, Vancouver, or latest 26th ICAR 2015, Paris, important to ensure continuous funding (MASC members encouraged to make suggestions, Luise Brand will follow up) **NO PROGRESS**
- F) Organization of MASC workshop as first session of 25th ICAR2014, Vancouver to represent the road map (Barry Pogson and Nicholas Provart take care, Luise will follow up)
NOT REALIZED – instead included into workshop (MASC sponsored session)
- G) Broadcast MASC reports online and via E-Mail (Luise Brand will take care and update committee at next MASC meeting) **DONE**
- H) Set up new MASC pages that can be transferred to AIP next year (Luise Brand will set up new pages until 25th ICAR2014, Vancouver, in contact with IAIC/AIP) **DONE**
- I) Open call for site selection 27th ICAR 2016, Australasia (Barry Pogson will take care, with support of Luise Brand, post on news group, e-mail) **DONE**

See 6) MASC society

Reasons for MASC to become a society:

- kick back against Arabidopsis research in most countries that requires the community to better communicate its value to plant scientists and funding agencies
- should not risk to lose all information gathered in Arabidopsis (as it happened with Drosophila) cause Arabidopsis serves as valuable reference and it's easy to test hypothesis
- ensure constant funding of the MASC coordinator to enhance synergistic effects for Arabidopsis research and international collaboration
- no grant application for funding of MASC coordinator necessary, more sustainable

MASC coordinator position (50%) with scientific background (PhD)

Pros

- Serving as executive secretary of MASC
- Providing assistance to local representatives in the organization of the annual ICAR
- Writing and editing of the annual MASC progress report with input from MASC members
- Serving as liaison between members of MASC, the international research community, funding agencies, databases and stock centers
- Maintaining and updating the MASC web pages to inform the global research community about various opportunities, collaborations, large-scale activities and research progress, organization of annual MASC meeting during ICAR.

Cons

- Is a secretary still necessary or can everything be done by chair and co-chair (e.g. web pages and coordination)?
- Does Arabidopsis community still need the MASC report, web pages etc.?

Coordinator expenses (per year)

MASC coordinator salary 50% (UK/GER/US incl. insurance, pension)	34,000 - 43,000 USD
Traveling	5,000 USD
<u>MASC report and poster print, homepage hosting</u>	<u>5,000 USD</u>
Total	44,000 - 53,000 USD

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