

2012 MASC annual meeting agenda

Date/time: Thursday, 5th July, 12:30-14.00 (conference lunch included)

Location: Maria Theresien Apartment I

1. Welcome and Apologies – See attendance list
Chair highlighted MASC Road Map that was published in the June issue of Plant Cell
2. Minutes of last meeting – agreed as correct
3. MASC Coordinator Update
Irene Lavagi left post as MASC coordinator in April 2012. Ruth Bastow has kindly stepped into ensure the MASC report has been published and to provided a secretariat for this meeting. However after this meeting there will be no further support. Catherine Kistner (DFG) informed the committee of the current status on seeking funds for a new coordintor. The DFG has received a proposal to fund MASC in the next 2-3 yrs and it is hoped it be supported be funded. The grant is currently under discussion with the international office at DFG.
4. Annual Report for 2013.
 - a. Is the current format useful? Are changes needed?
The committee agreed that science highlights and translational examples are useful to funding agencies. The committee and country reports are superb but they depend entirely on the efforts of individual representatives to ensure they are submitted. Each representative is asked for the same information however not all members appear to adhere to this. A general request was made to all representatives to ensure that country reports are concise and limited to 2 pages. The committee discussed whether or not a summary of genome annotation of Arabidopsis would be helpful similar to the old thermometers (which the committee had previously agreed to remove). It was agreed that this should only be undertaken if it was easy to collect and collate the associated information.
 - b. How do we make sure the new Roadmap is followed up/ continued in the annual report? All present agreed that each subcommittee should include in the subcommittee report how they are making progress towards the goals and each country to note areas of progress towards goals
5. MASC Sub Committees
 - a. Status of current subcommittees.
No report from Systems Biology sub committee, need to find new co chairs suggestions? Suggestions- Siobhan Brady and Malcolm Bennett
Request from Uli Schurr to be replaced by Fabio Fiorani.
Action - Ruth to follow up with Siobhan Brady, Malcolm Bennett and Fabio Fiorani (NB all have agreed to take up posts)

Talk from Josh Heazlewood - Proteomics sub committee

Talk from Kazuki Saito – Metabolomics sub committee

- b. How do we ensure the new Roadmap is included in future ICAR meetings (e.g. a specific workshop or session?) The committee agreed it would be great to get a session into ICAR 2013.

Action - Wolfram will follow up with Barry to see what is possible

- c. IAIC Updates – Blake Meyers (13:25)

International AIC community consortium established via RCN NSF to support efforts to develop the AIP. Design workshop held in Dec 2011 to look at how to build the AIP out comes of this as outlined in recent Plant Cell paper. The Scientific advisory board has recently been set up - Mark Estelle (UC San Diego) Xuemei Chen (UC Riverside), Gloria Coruzzi (NY University), Mark Forster (Syngenta), Paul Kersey (European Bioinformatics Institute), Magnus Nordborg (Gregor Mendel Institute), and Kazuki Saito (RIKEN and Chiba University). Further info can be found at the IAIC website <http://www.arabidopsisinformatics.org/>. Chris Town has generously agreed to be lead PI on the grant to build the new Arabidopsis Portal and will work with SAB and SC to get proposal written and submitted to the NSF and maybe other agencies. The MASC Committee enquired if there could be a wiki on website for community input to AIP

8. New MASC appointments
 - a. New MASC chair 2012-2013 –Wolfram Weckwerth
 - b. New MASC Co-chair for 2012-2013 – Barry Pogson
9. Future ICARs
 - a. Update on 2013 ICAR - All on track for Sydney meeting
 - b. Site proposal for ICAR 2014, USA NAASC considering Madison, Davis, UBC Vancouver
 - c. Site proposal for ICAR 2015? Europe
Action – New coordinator to confirm a country for 2015 ASAP
10. Any other business

MASC meeting attendees:

First Name	Last Name	Country – MASC affiliation
Eva	Huala	USA – TAIR
Minami	Matsui	Japan – CRep, Phenomics SC
Joe	Ecker	Salk Institute, USA – ORFeomics SC co-chair
Sean	May	UK – NASC
Joshua	Haezelwood	USA – Proteomics SC co-chair
Stefanie	Wienkoop	Germany – Proteomics SC
Chris	Town	USA – Bioinformatics SC
Kazuo	Shinozaki	Japan – RIKEN
Parag	Chitnis	USA – NSF
Karen	Conc	USA – NSF
Greg	Warren	USA – NSF
Shaul	Yalovsky	Israel – CRep
Marie-Theres	Hauser	Austria – CRep
Katja	Baerenfaller	Switzerland – Proteomics SC
Barry	Pogson	Australia – CRep, MASC co-chair 2012/2013
Erich	Grotewold	USA – ABRC
Jim	Beynon	UK – CRep
Viktor	Zarsky	Czech Republic – CRep
Motoaki	Seki	Japan – ORFeomics SC chair
Matsomo	Kobayashi	Japan – RIKEN
Kazuki	Saito	Japan – Metabolomics SC chair
Simone	Baima	Italy - CRep
Klaus	Harter	Germany – CRep
Catherine	Kistner	Germany – DFG
Nicholas	Provar	Canada – Bioinformatics SC chair
Wolfram	Weckwerth	Austria – Metabolomics & Proteomics SC co-chair, MASC chair 2012/2013
Ruth	Bastow	UK – step in MASC coordinator
Mark	Estelle	US – MASC chair 2011/2012