**VIB Community Meeting: Bioinformatics and Computational Biology**

Survey timeframe: 01/03/2017 - 08/03/2017

Total submissions: 36 (out of 62 participants)

**Survey results**

How would you rate the VIB Community Meeting in terms of...

![Bar chart showing survey results](chart.png)

- Dark green: Poor
- Light green: Fair
- Yellow: Good
- Orange: Very good

**What was the reason to participate in this community meeting?**

Most frequent answers:
- getting to know the bioinformatics community/networking
- profiling my research/present at the meeting
- learn, share and discuss
- see whether there are opportunities to find complementary expertise
- get familiar with each other work
- listen to nice talks
- convince people to hire not only bioinformaticians but also statisticians

![Pie chart showing meeting goal achievement](pie chart.png)

- Yes: 69.44%
- Somewhat: 30.56%
- No: 0%
Did you have enough time to talk to other participants/speakers?

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<td>If ‘No’: Why not?</td>
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<td>- coffee break overlapping between 3 parallel sessions</td>
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<td>- too short coffee breaks and/or too many questions addressed from others</td>
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<td>- interesting topics were missed due to parallel sessions</td>
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What did you think about the balance between presentation and discussion?

- Too much presentation: 19.44%
- Too much discussion: 5.56%
- OK: 75%

Would you attend the next community meeting on bioinformatics and computational biology?

- No: 2.78%
- Maybe: 11.11%
- Yes: 86.11%

Would you recommend this community meeting to your fellow colleagues or PI?

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Other:
- technical/IT solutions
- keep format the same
Describe the topics you would like to discuss during the next meeting

Most frequent answers:
- genome assembly and annotation
- population genetics methods
- data annotation
- more bridges between groups
- more scientific talks with focus on computer science aspect, not biology aspect
- gene regulatory network interference
- single cell omics
- NGS analysis
- data storage and management
- benchmarking of bioinformatics tools/algorithms
- general machine learning algorithms
- efficient HPC cluster usage
- story- and problem-focussed meetings

Can you list the best points of this community meeting?

Most frequent answers:
- room for discussion
- getting to know the community
- small groups, easy interaction
- exchange between groups
- more informatics oriented talks as compared to other meetings
- friendly and constructive environment
- allow community brainstorming
- discussion in parallel sessions
- informal atmosphere
- focus on ideas and people with the same interests as myself
- easy to speak with other participants even for people with anxiety problems
- depth of the presentations
- focus on tech side, not often enough discussed

Can you list the weak points of this community meeting?

Most frequent answers:
- small rooms/ temperature
- schedule of parallel sessions/coffee breaks
- presentation screen in small rooms was not ideal
- classroom setting; prefer a U-setting
- could be more technical
- presentation less about results and biology and more about data processing/infrastructure/algorithms
- more lively interaction
- too many parallel sessions (max 2)
- not a huge fan of the informal nature of the meeting, would prefer a formal, conference-like meeting
- should talk English at the networking time
- too scientific presentations
- more scientific and less discussion
**What is missing in the community meeting according to you?**

Most frequent answers:
- the call to action
- list of participants and program printed
- drinks at the end
- a good overview of what everybody is doing
- downstream communication
- more effort from the speakers/moderators to discuss

**Any other comments?**

- great initiative! Sharing = caring
- community website: passive communication
- mailing list: official communication of e.g. events
- slack: bioinformatics stuff, used by members, for the members
- Bioinfo@VIB drink at the VIB seminar
- as we are divided, we need an excuse to break the borders
- a newsletter would be good, referring to a website with the content