

IARC Meeting 26: November 11 2018: minutes

The meeting commenced at 16:30 CEST. AC, CS, MC, and MO were in attendance. William Lees, Christian Busse and Corey Watson joined the meeting.

1. AC apologised for the lack of minutes for Meeting 25, and reported that he would prepare the minutes ASAP.
2. A report was provided on the outcomes of the Paris SCAIR meeting, and very productive interactions with IMGT were noted. Meetings relating to the IARC manuscript were also described, which resolved outstanding issues with the AIRR executive relating to OGRDB and other URLs. It was agreed that the manuscript is now ready for submission to the AIRR executive for ratification as an AIRR publication.
3. The need for new submissions was discussed, and it was agreed that Chaim Schramm should be encouraged to complete the submission of his sequences to Genbank ASAP. AC will contact Chaim to see if there are any remaining barriers to submission. MO has been working with Gur Yaari in recent weeks, to encourage submissions of inferred sequences. The IARC involvement in evaluation of inferences of other human IG genes, and genes from other species, was discussed. It was felt that the existing IARC should next expand its work to consider light chain genes, then IGHJ genes, and perhaps IGHD genes. The development of pathways for the expansion of the evaluation of inferences to new genes of the IGH locus, to new human loci, and to genes from other species was considered a useful activity in the lead up to the 2019 AIRR meeting in Genoa.
4. It was agreed that we need to more formally inform IMGT of affirmed inferences, and to provide appropriate Genbank accession numbers. AC agreed to contact Marie-Paule Lefranc when all numbers are available.
5. CS informed the IARC that she would be on leave for several months. It was agreed that during this time, her participation in meetings would be welcomed, but is not expected. CW will stand in as a member of the IARC during her absence. It was agreed that Susana Magadan from the University of Vigo could be given observer status with IARC, as part of a process leading to the establishment of a salmonid IARC in 2019.

The next meeting (Meeting 27) will be on Friday December 7th at 22:00 AEST.

The meeting ended at 17:15 CEST.