

Day one



Agenda

 14 - 15 May, 2026

 Hilton City Centre, Cambridge

Timings	Session
12:00 - 13:00	Registration and lunch
13:00 - 13:10	Welcome and logistics
13:10 - 13:40	Building a Digital Research Infrastructure for UK Life Sciences Tony Burdett, BioFAIR Director
13:40 - 13:50	Future directions for UKRI: Supporting UK bioscience Sarah Perkins, Executive Director for Strategic Planning (BBSRC, UKRI) and Senior Responsible Officer for BioFAIR (Chair)
13:50 - 14:40	Opening keynote and Q&A - "Lessons learnt from the physical sciences" Nicola Knight, Project coordinator, PSDI
14:40 - 15:15	Coffee and networking (+ group photo)
15:15 - 15:45	BioFAIR Fellows in Action (whistlestop tour of Fellowship)
15:45 - 16:45	Breakout discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to build sustainable research communities (facilitated by RCM Cooperative)• Data management and sharing within and across organisations (facilitated by Nan Fletcher-Lloyd and Priyana Surana)• FAIRification of workflows: Why, how and barriers (facilitated by Nicola Soranzo and Marisa Loach)
16:45 - 17:00	Summary of breakout rooms
17:30 - 19:00	Drinks and poster exhibition (lobby) Grab a drink with a fellow and the BioFAIR hub
19:30 - 21:00	Showcase Dinner (Issac Newton Room)

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09:00 - 09:05	Welcome and introduction to the day
09:05 - 09:30	BioFAIR Methods Commons: What's coming in our MVP?
09:30 - 09:50	Challenges in data management and sharing Piia Keskivali-Bond, Head of Data Management. Mary Lyon Centre at MRC Harwell
09:50 - 10:10	RSpace: A data orchestration engine for Data Commons Rory Macneil, CEO, Research Space
10:10 - 10:30	Data archival and submission Philippe Rocca-Serra, Group Coordinator and Co-Investigator, University of Oxford
10:30 - 11:10	Coffee at the Pathfinders Fayre
11:15 - 12:45	What does BioFAIR need to know about my FAIR challenges? (Interactive audience discussion with panel, facilitated by RCM Cooperative)
12:45 - 13:45	Lunch
13:45 - 14:35	Closing keynote and Q&A - "Australian BioCommons 2019-2026 - our experience, lessons learned and what comes next" Jeff Christiansen, Director, Australia BioCommons
14:35 - 15:00	Closing remarks and prize giving