



2023 Report of the SAA

The 2023 General Assembly (GA) of the Sequence Analysis Association (SAA) will take place online from the 15th to the 29th of December 2023.

2022 Annual Report

The 2022 GA took place in December 2022. 31 members participated in the organized poll.

- 30 approved the 2022 Annual Report.

2022 Election

38 members voted for the 2022 elections:

- Tim F. Liao was elected as President of the Association with 38 votes.
- All candidates for the Executive Committee are nominated: (votes in favor minus vote against in parenthesis): Christian Brzinsky-Fay (32), Brendan Halpin (35), Satu Helske (34), Raffaella Piccarreta (33), Gilbert Ritschard (33), Emanuela Struffolino (34), Matthias Studer (35), Danilo Bolano (32), Carla Rowold (26), Dolores Sesma Carlos (23).

Scientific events

- The successful SAA webinar series was continued and organized in 2023 by Tim F. Liao with the assistance of the executive committee.
- During this period, 22 individual presentations were made. Presentations were recorded except those work-in-progress presentations.
- Based on the recommendation of the executive committee, we organized a new webinar format featuring work-in-progress presentations where the presenters may benefit from the experiences of seasoned SA developers and users, and generally SAA members. In November and December 2023, we featured six such presentations, which have proven popular and successful. We plan to continue this work-in-progress webinar format in spring 2024.

Web site

The Web site of the association <https://sequenceanalysis.org/> has a blog, where registered members can share information on SA related events, questions, or comments. It further contains the link to a bibliographic database of sequence-analysis-related publications.



Finance

In accordance with the decision taken at the 2022 General Assembly, the SAA has a zero budget for this period. The Web site of the association as well as the domain, web hosting, and software license fees were financed through funding provided by Matthias Studer at the University of Geneva. The site, the list of members, and the newsletter are managed on a voluntary basis by executive committee members. Likewise, the bibliographic database is updated by volunteers.

Membership

In early 2023, SAA engaged in a membership drive through various professional societies to promote SAA. As of today (December 15, 2023) the SAA has 406 regularly registered members, a 57% increase over a year ago.

Executive Committee

The president and executive committee members were nominated in December 2022 for two years. There is no new election this year; the next election will be in December 2024.

December 15, 2023

Tim F. Liao, President of the SAA