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1 The context

Document [1], output from the last MPEG meeting in March 2019, provides a Draft Call for Proposals for Coding of Genomic Annotations, expected to be Part 6 of MPEG-G (ISO/IEC 23092). [1] is complemented with document [2], which provides the corresponding draft requirements.

This contribution raises two issues with respect to those Part 6-related documents and provides the corresponding proposals to solve them.

2 First issue: Deadline for the answers to the Call

The current draft proposes a three months period for answering to the Call. Given the current view of MPEG-G from other organizations, such as GA4GH [3], we consider that we, from the MPEG WG, should try to get as many contributions as possible in order to involve as many relevant actors as possible. Therefore, we think that 3 months is too short to make the Call known outside MPEG and attract useful contributions that would simplify the integration of MPEG-G with other successful genomic standards.

Therefore, we propose that the final Call to be issued during the MPEG127 meeting in Gothenburg has a deadline of at least 6 months after making the Call public.

3 Second issue: On licensing for Part 6

A provisional version of document [1] was discussed and approved during the Final Requirements Plenary at the MPEG126 meeting. In order to get the best answers to the Call (and consequently promote MPEG-G to other Omics data standardization bodies such as GA4GH), we encourage “no-license” or “type-1” contributions, if a licensing declaration is made according the General Patent Statement and Licensing Declaration rules. With “type-1” we refer to the option (numbered as “1”) in which the declaring Patent Holder is prepared to “grant a Free of Charge license to an unrestricted number of applicants on a worldwide, non-discriminatory basis”.

Unfortunately, we understand that this point is not clearly expressed in the current Call for Part 6 (document [1]), so we request that this should be made clear in the final Call document.

4 References

[1] ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29/WG 11 N18362: “Draft Call for Proposals for Coding of Genomic Annotations”, March 2019.

[2] ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 29/WG 11 N18361: “Draft requirements for MPEG-G Part 6: Coding of Genomic Annotations”, March 2019.

[3] GA4GH, Global Alliance for Genomics & Health, <https://www.ga4gh.org/>.