GenSoc Planning and schedule

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1 Week 1: 3rd - 7th July

1.1 DONE Read up on QTL Analysis

I'll need a thorough understanding of the analysis techniques that are used in identifying potential QTLs. A literature review of current work with mapping populations and grasses would also be helpful.

1.2 DONE Learn R

Having identified that the majority of QTL analysis is done using the R programming language, I will need to spend a considerable amount of time learning both current packages for analysis and the semantics of the R language itself.

2 Week 2: 10th - 14th July

2.1 DONE Prepare image analysis software

I'll be needing to take the uCT software that I'd previously written and make several adjustments, as well as experimenting with ideal parameters for this previously unused species of brachypodium.

It'll mostly be resolution adjustments and ground truth verification of input/output.

2.2 DONE Process Brachypodium scans

The entire population that we have scanned so far (141 F8 plants and 3 scans from each parent ABR6 and BD21) will need to be processed, data lifted and then prepared for analysis.

3 Week 3: 17th - 21th July

3.1 DONE Perform initial data analysis

Using initial data gathered check for patterns in both phenotype data and genotype data.

3.1.1 DONE Genotypic Analysis

Compile together the gathered data to QTL workable formats and then run checks for potential QTLs.

3.1.2 DONE Phenotypic Analysis

Run statistical tests on data to enquire as to potential relationships and areas of interest for future work.

4 Week 4: 24th - 28th July

4.1 TODO Scan additional plant material to support hypothesised QTLs (1/2)

There are 141 plants which have been crossed, we want to scan more heads from each plant. Ideally we want 3+ heads to give us 3x the data we currently have in order to give further support of our hypothesised QTLs.

We can do 12x scans per day, 6 days a week thus 72^{\sim} scans this week and 72^{\sim} the next, we should be completed by then and ready to rerun analysis.

Date	Notes
<2017-07-25 Tue>	Started scanning today, currently on 1-12
	Parent scans $(1 \& 2)$ also done
<2017-07-26 Wed>	Karen loaded up 13-24
<2017-07-27 Thu>	25-36 loaded by me
<2017-07-28 Fri>	37-48 loaded by me, 31 had to be rescanned, so remember this
	when analysing

- 5 Week 5: 31st July 4th August
- 5.1 TODO Scan additional plant material to support hypothesised QTLs (2/2)

Hopefully scanning will be completed this week and we can proceed to re-run analysis previous written

- 6 Week 6: 7th 11th August
- 6.1 TODO Run image processing and analysis on newly gathered scan data
- 7 Week 7: 14th 18th August
- 7.1 TODO Analyse for QTLs previously identified
- 8 Week 8: 21st 26th August
- 8.1 TODO Compile findings and write report