Greg Gloor



I am very honoured to be nominated for the position of Vice-President of the CoDa Association. I have a PhD in Biochemistry and a very broad research training that includes biochemistry, molecular biology, genetics, genomics, bioinformatics and most recently data analysis. I attended the 2014 CoDa course and found it to be invaluable because it introduced me to a wonderful community of like-minded people. I have attended every CoDaWorks since, making it a priority to attend because of both the science and the social aspects. I had the good fortune to participate in the L'Escala meeting where the CoDa Association was formed, and to participate the first ever general meeting.

I have administrative expertise in a number of areas. I have been an Associate or Section Editor of the journal *Microbiome* since its inception. I am Chair of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research peer review study section on 'Genomics, Systems and Computational Biology". I am Professor and Chair of the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Western Ontario. I have an open and collaborative style of leadership and enjoy new opportunities.

I have been a consistent and vocal promoter of compositional data analysis as a generally useful tool in biomedical research areas that include microbiome, metagenome and transcriptome analyses of high throughput sequencing analysis. I have travelled to four continents to give presentations and workshops on how to apply the principles of CoDa methods for the proper (or at least better) analysis of genomic and transcriptomic data. I have published many case studies, methods papers and software descriptions on how to apply CoDa methods to sequencing data. I freely admit that I am still learning — but that is what makes science fun — and I greatly appreciate the collaborations that I have formed with members of the Association, and the help I have received from the community.

If elected, I will apply my lived experiences and work diligently on behalf of the CoDa Association to promote the proper analysis of biomedical data. I will be an impartial conduit for the views that members of the Association bring forward to the Board of Directors. I will ensure that the CoDa Association is as professionally and competently managed in the future, as it has been in the past. I will promote the CoDa Association and the CoDa Workshops and Courses for their valuable contributions to scientific discourse and education.