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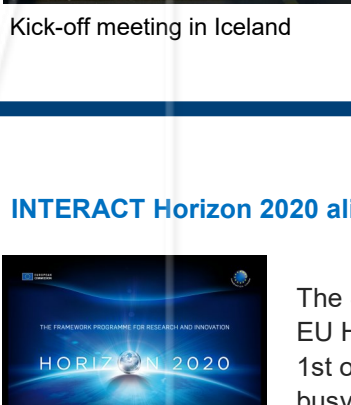
The first INTERACT Newsletter was distributed via email and uploaded on the INTERACT web page on the 31 March 2017 according to the deadline. For this first newsletter, we developed a template that will be used throughout the project's life time. Station Managers and WP leaders were contacted to provide input which resulted in interesting news from around the Arctic.



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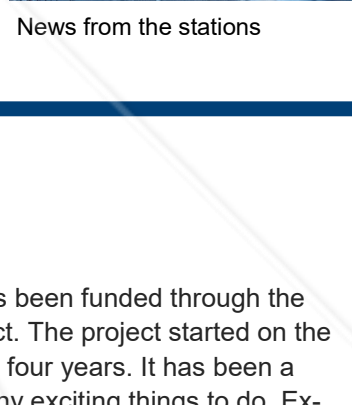
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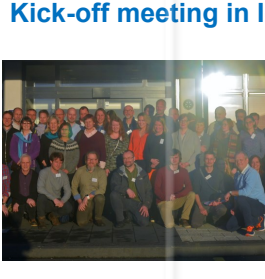


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News from the stations

INTERACT Horizon 2020 alive and kicking



The Second Phase of INTERACT has been funded through the EU Horizon 2020 infrastructure project. The project started on the 1st of October 2016 and is funded for four years. It has been a busy start of the project, we have many exciting things to do. Examples of activities during these first months have been the first transnational and remote access call which resulted in more than 100 applications! In addition, we have held a kick-off meeting in Iceland and the first Station Managers' Forum. The INTERACT Secretariat has been established at Lund University. Please keep yourself updated on the progress by visiting our web site www.eu-interact.org or through our Facebook [page](#)

Kick-off meeting in Iceland



INTERACT held its kick-off meeting in Keflavik, Iceland on the 24-27 of January 2017. 57 participants from 17 countries representing most infrastructures participating in INTERACT and all work packages gathered to discuss the coming four year's work. The nine WPs were presented and discussed and a Station Managers' Forum was held. A visit to Sudurnes Learning and Science Centre - one of the INTERACT research stations - were organized as well as an excursion to the Reykjanes Peninsula. The minutes from the kick-off are available at the INTERACT [webpage](#).

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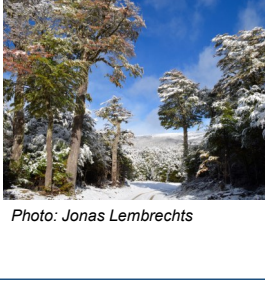


Photo: Thomas Opel

Preparations for the approaching summer field season are taking place with increasing speed, and the next months will see a record number of user groups conducting research with support from INTERACT Transnational Access. Also, the first projects implementing a new modality of transnational access –Remote Access- will take place in summer 2017.

Altogether 57 user groups are currently preparing for their Transnational Access visits to 33 INTERACT stations in the northernmost Europe, North-America and Russian Federation, as well as to stations located in northern alpine and forest areas.

The topics of the TA projects represent various fields of science, ranging from ecosystems and biodiversity to biogeochemical cycling and human dimension. A listing of the projects selected for Transnational Access in s/s 2017 and a/w 2017-18 will be available on the INTERACT website in April. Detailed project descriptions are added with the project listing along the field season.

Altogether, 43 research stations in INTERACT offer Transnational Access in 2016-2020, so there will be plenty of opportunities available for research, when the next TA Call opens in September 2017!

Arctic Research Blogs



Photo: Jonas Lembrechts

Spring will foresee a new season of INTERACT Arctic Research [Blogs](#). The blogs highlight the experiences of the researchers in the often demanding conditions and challenges faced in the field work, showcase interesting facts and findings, and present breathtaking photos from the INTERACT research stations. Join the adventure!

Meetings where INTERACT was present

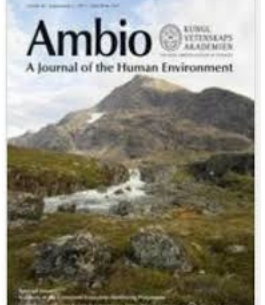


Photo: www.arcticfutures.org

INTERACT has been presented at many meetings during these first few months of the second phase of the project. Examples are at the Arctic Circle meeting in Iceland in October where INTERACT was presented in shared booth with FARO (Forum of Arctic Research Operators). We discussed future Arctic research agendas at AGU in San Francisco and have attended high-level meetings in Brussels (both at the Arctic Futures Symposium and at the trilateral Arctic workshop of the Transatlantic Ocean Research Alliance).

Arctic Circle meeting, October 7-9 in Reykjavik, Iceland. Joint booth with FARO (Forum of Arctic Research Operators).

Meet us at upcoming meetings



INTERACT partners will continue to represent the project at many meetings. Some near future examples where you can meet us are at the Arctic Science Summit Week (March 31—April 7) in Prague, Czech Republic. INTERACT Scientific Coordinator Terry Callaghan will give a key note speech on Tuesday 4 April at 9:30 and INTERACT will be presented during the poster presentations on Thursday 17:30-19:00.

INTERACT will also be presented at the European Geosciences Union General Assembly April 23-28, Vienna, Austria. INTERACT TA Coordinator will arrange the first TA User workshop and INTERACT will be presented at the ENVRI+ booth at the entrance of the conference building.

NEWS FROM THE STATIONS

Special Issue of AMBIO from Greenlandic stations



Researchers from Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, Asiaq – Greenland Survey, Aarhus University, University of Copenhagen among others have recently published a special issue of AMBIO with articles derived from the Greenland Ecosystem Monitoring (GEM) [program](#). Three INTERACT stations are part of GEM: GINR/Kobbefjord, Zackenberg and Arctic Station at Disko in West Greenland. The special issue is a synthesis on the monitoring and research that has taken place at the stations for +20 yrs (Zackenberg) and almost 10 yrs (Kobbefjord). The issue is published with open access and can be found [here](#).

Film team at Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaupik



Photo: Denis Sarrazin

CEN's Whapmagoostui-Kuujuaupik research station in northern Québec, Canada, recently hosted a team of film makers. Indeed, Silverback (Living Planet Productions Ltd.), founded by the executive team behind Planet Earth, make world class wildlife films for broadcasters such as Disney Nature, the BBC and Discovery. They were in Kuujuaupik last February, filming wolves hunting caribou for their new 8 part series called 'Our Planet'. The CEN served as their base for logistics for both a ground based and aerial based shoot. The team were able to film extraordinary images of both animals with the excellent support of the CEN.

Greenland Institute of Natural Resources is growing



Photo: Margareta Johansson

GINR is currently adding to the main facilities in Nuuk and a new building with housing facilities for both research and education (auditorium, labs, offices, accommodation etc.). The new building is expected to be completed during 2017. More information on that can be found [here](#) (in Danish and Greenlandic only though).

New Station



Design of Kárhóll Research station

Photo: karholl.is

A new observer station has joined us: Kárhóll Research Station in Iceland.

The Aurora Observatory, built on the land of Kárhóll in the northern part of Iceland, is a scientific cooperation between Icelandic and Chinese research institutions. The aim of this cooperation is to further the scientific understanding on solar-terrestrial interaction and space weather by conducting polar upper atmosphere observations, such as auroras, geomagnetic field variations and other related phenomena, and outreach to the public.

The inauguration of the Kárhóll Research Station is in October 2017.

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