



Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

19 December 2016
Lund, Sweden

Participants: Katharina Beckmann, Luisella Bianco, Terry Callaghan, Margareta Johansson, Morten Rasch and Elmer Topp Jørgensen. On Skype: Kirsi Latola and Hannele Savela

Introduction of INTERACT Scientific Secretary

Our new scientific secretary Katharina Beckmann introduced herself to the daily management group. She has a background in environmental science including both social and natural sciences. Before this position she has worked with film production. Katharina will start the position 6 February.

Grant agreement preparation

Everything is submitted to EU, we are now only waiting for validation of one partner before the grant agreement can be signed with Brussels. We still do not know exactly when the Grant Agreement will be signed by EU, but we are hoping that this will be in the beginning of the New Year. As we have told you earlier, the starting date of the project has been fixed at 1 October to ensure transnational access to research stations already in summer 2017. Please note that once the grant agreement is signed you will be able to claim costs for work related to the project from 1 October 2016, but before the grant agreement is signed it is at each institutions own "risk" to spend money.

Consortium agreement

All partners have now signed the Consortium Agreement. We will compile the signature pages and distribute the signed CA to everyone before Christmas.

Kick off meeting

The kick off meeting will be held 24-27 January in Iceland, starting on the 24th at 5PM and ending on the 27th at noon. All preparations are made by the local organizer and deadline for register to the meeting is prolonged to the **30th of December**. Margareta will send out a reminder to encourage people to register in time. A draft agenda was discussed and will be slightly modified. After that it will be circulated to all participants.



Update from TA WP

The first call for TA has now closed. We received 108 applications! The TA Board is now complete and they will start their job to evaluate the applications after Christmas. The TA Board will be presented at the kick off meeting. We discussed future possibilities for mentoring young scientists on how to write an excellent application. An example could be webinar and constructive review feedback.

Networking activities

Arctic Science Summit Week 2017

It is likely that WP6 “Red Phone” will have a high level side meeting at the Arctic Science Summit Week. All WP leaders are encouraged to submit abstracts to this meeting. Further information about the meeting can be found at <http://www.assw2017.eu/>. The deadline for abstracts has been postponed until 10 January 2017.

Polar 2018 Conference

Together with EU-PolarNet, FARO and COMNAP, INTERACT has applied for a session on infrastructure cooperation at the Polar 2018 Conference in Davos Switzerland June 2018. POLAR2018 is a joint event from the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research SCAR and the International Arctic Science Committee IASC. The SCAR meetings, the ASSW and the Open Science Conference will be held here (<http://www.polar2018.org/>).

INTAROS

The successful EU BG9 project application on Integrated Observing System in the Arctic – INTAROS will hold its kick off meeting in Bergen in January. INTERACT will be represented at the meeting and opportunities for cooperation will be explored.

Arctic Safety Centre at UNIS

INTERACT is leading a work package in the Arctic Safety Centre project coordinated by UNIS. This work is focusing on safety at research infrastructures. It will result in a best practice book which will be a co-production between UNIS, INTERACT and probably University of the Arctic.