



Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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Webex, the Internet

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Update on progress so far

Final partner validation

The International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry (ICR) that will lead WP 9 on local adaptation is still not validated. To ensure the success of this work package we need to start the work and hence we will contact them to find out where we are in the process. If they for some reason will not be validated in the near future we need to think of alternatives to proceed with this WP. We will also offer to talk to validation centre to make progress

- Margareta will contact ICR and the validation centre (together with Luisella)

Payments

It has taken much longer than we anticipated to make the prepayments. The form from LU central administration that was sent to all partners was unfortunately incomplete as there was no reference to the bank address that was needed for payments, meaning that the partners have had to submit the form a second time. We have indeed learned from this first payment process and next time we will have a much smoother process. However, most partners have received their money now.

Progeta

The whole project is running according to the schedule and we have only come across very minor delays which are justified and will soon be submitted. For the future Margareta will contact partners responsible for late deliverables and milestones in addition to the reminders that Progeta sends out.



The Station Managers' Forum

The Station Managers' Forum is progressing according to the time table. Progress is made in all tasks and SMF has started to plan their next meeting after the general assembly in October which is likely to be held in spring 2018 in Brussels and is likely to be back to back with a workshop on zero emission research stations.

Transnational Access

There are currently 58 user groups that are preparing their transnational access work in summer 2017. A transnational access user community has been installed and is currently up and running. This means that the TA users will be connected to each other to ensure maximum networking. The TA user community has met at EGU in Vienna and in addition, two webinars with 40 people attending have been held and they were well perceived. The TA user group will also have the possibility to meet on a daily base through a newly formed Facebook group. The Facebook group is also a useful tool for the TA coordinator to for example make a poll and ask where the participants would like to meet for the next TA user community meeting.

The Arctic Blog site has been updated. New bloggers have joined and there are currently 10 new bloggers that have signed up. Hannele is organizing a webinar for the new bloggers in June to introduce them to the work. Check out the blogs at: <https://arcticresearch.wordpress.com/>

A joint workshop between WP8 on Drones and TA user community is currently in a planning stage. An alternative is to hold this workshop as a side event at the POLAR 2018 conference in Davos. A problem is that the Drone WP is officially ended by then, but a solution could be to have the workshop as a webinar instead.

Virtual access

Virtual access work has been slightly delayed but is now back on track. Hannele is keeping contact with the stations that are offering virtual access to start the process with entering a link to the data. A new web page for virtual access will be created and nested under the INTERACT web page (there will be a single entry point).

A Virtual Access Board has been appointed. The members are Kirsten Elger (Germany), Julie Friddell (Canada) and Markus Fiebig (Norway). The VA Board will have support from Øystein, Kirsi and Hannele when doing the virtual access assessments.



Reporting module for InterAccess

The reporting tool used for Transnational Access, the so called InterAccess is in its final stages. Research stations and transnational user groups are currently testing. The final version is expected to be done in late May, early June.

Photo gallery/Glossary

We have been approached by TA users who want to contribute with photos to our online photo gallery and glossary. This is a very positive development and it was suggested to ask all TA users to contribute. Before the request is sent out we need to carefully consider what information is needed to ensure that the photos and glossary input is correctly tagged – we need an organized approach. The next step is to discuss this in a group consisting of Luisella, Marco, Hannele, Katharina, Terry.

- Katharina will organise an online meeting to discuss the parameters needed to easily include the photos and input to glossary and to ensure that they are tagged in a clever way.

WP2 – Scientific coordination, mentoring and education

A lot of progress is being made in WP2. The first CAWI report has been carried out and will be published soon. There is a huge interest in education and Terry and the WP partners are bringing together many different organisations. Terry is currently working with the Wicked Weather Watch who will have a booth at a meeting in June that is expecting 25,000 visitors and INTERACT has been invited to share booth with them.

Website

Katharina has been updating parts of the INTERACT website: INTERACT people (updating the section that presents the partners – at a later stage also the observer stations should be included); field stations etc. We aim to publish 2 news per week. Important news is also whenever INTERACT will be presented at meetings. Everyone is kindly asked to contribute with dates on when they are going to any meeting, representing INTERACT.

Every month there are 2 “Stations of the month” – 1 observer station and 1 partner station. They appear on the front page with name and photo. Apart from presenting the stations, it is a way to engage the station managers to check if all the station info is up to date.



Luisella presented a screenshot of the new website. The INTERACT web site will be moved physically from its current host to CLU in Italy to ensure flexibility. Luisella will send the draft to the Daily Management Group for feedback (to be submitted by May 26th). The website will contain:

- Login section
- Publication section
- Gallery
- News and social media
- Download section

Terry calls for “cooler” labels, we need to communicate. The webpage will also be further discussed in WP1.

Upcoming annual meeting in October 2017

The meeting will be held at Hotel Goldene Rose in Italy. People will have to share rooms. We want participants to sign up by 31st of August latest. Margareta proposes that we charter a bus to transport guests from Innsbruck airport to the Hotel. Morten opts as field guide – if the time and weather allows, it would be nice to make a few stops on the way from the airport to the hotel. The invitation will be sent out in the beginning of June.

Report on recent meetings

- **ASSW:** Good meeting with a lot of INTERACT representatives. INTERACT presented a poster in the poster session and in addition, it was presented at many side meetings as well as in a key note talk by Terry who received the IASC medal.
- **EGU:** Good meeting with 50 000 visitors. Hannele worked in the booth and at meetings and distributed all INTERACT materials that had been shipped beforehand.
- **Arctic Safety Center UNIS:** Morten has just participated in a steering committee meeting where they decided that a pilot safety course will be held in Ny-Ålesund 2018 and it will be co-organised by INTERACT and Arctic Safety Center. Arctic Safety Handbook is now online. Jørgen Skafte will work at Arctic Safety center with coordinating issues related to safety. Still affiliated with Aarhus university though.
- **Research hub in Greenland:** Margareta was in Nuuk, giving a speech on an example of a research hub. A new research hub will be established in Greenland and they want to make sure that society is involved. Everything that has to do with knowledge should be linked together. Minutes from that meeting will be circulated in a couple of weeks. The recommendations will be given to the Ministry of Education in Denmark.



- **RICH expert group, Lisbon:** Margareta was there, presenting INTERACT. 25 national contact persons for infrastructure projects were invited.
- Terry is on a panel to evaluate Norwegian Polar Research. There he has been able to show how people are being connected through Transnational Access, something that Norwegians haven't yet.
- "Browning in the Arctic" Terry attended a meeting in Sheffield, relevant links to INTERACT was a Drone network and Winter net.

Upcoming meetings

Arctic Circle Meeting, Reykjavik

INTERACT is proposing two things for the Arctic Circle meeting in Reykjavik.

1) The INTERACT basecamp: Evening session with card game, drinks and snacks. A tent with books and information. Mingle tables. The card game has been a success wherever it was introduced. Suggestions for other INTERACT merchandise are sleeve marks, vodka, woolen socks, reflector vest. This still needs to be taken further. Presentations will be given by Margareta, Hannele, Kirsi, Elmer, Morten.

2) In addition we have proposed to have a Booth, where we will distribute books and information. Flyers with details about evening session: Welcome to the INTERACT basecamp! In addition to our own booth we will be part of others as well, such as an EU booth.

Polar 2018, Davos

INTERACT has proposed a session at this conference. In addition, the TA User community might hold a meeting together with WP 8. Further information will be distributed as soon as we have it.

Other

We concluded that it was sufficient with one consortium meeting this first year of the project, but for the coming years we need to meet twice per year. As mentioned above our upcoming meeting will be held in October in Italy which will be followed by a Station Managers Forum meeting in spring 2018. Our second general assembly will be held in September 2018. Venue and dates will be decided as soon as possible.