



Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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Zoom, online meeting platform

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INTERACT non-profit organisation

INTERACCESS business model

INTERACCESS (TA/RA application and evaluation system) has been developed in joint collaboration between CLU and the University of Oulu. The rights of the system are currently at the INTERACT Coordination but should be moved to INPO or Inkode. By selling the system to other organization, INPO can earn some money. At present, the University of the Arctic has shown interest in the system. As it is Inkode that has the know-how, INPO is currently negotiating with them to develop a business model that will ensure a fair division of the profit between INPO and Inkode via a signed agreement regarding royalties. INPO is currently waiting for Inkode to get back to us with a suggestion.

- As soon as any new information is available it will be distributed to the DMG

INPO internal documents

A draft outline of the INPO Internal documents that will establish the work procedures for INTERACT non-profit organization were shown at the meeting. The drafting team (Luisella, Morten and Margareta) will meet to discuss this further on the 1 December.

- The drafting team will keep DMG updated on progress and will send out a draft when complete.

INTERACT Data systems

Report from INTERACT data meeting

An INTERACT Data meeting was held where INTERACCESS, VA single entry point and INTERACT GIS were discussed, more specifically how metadata should be structured in order to make it more searchable. The interoperability between the INTERACT systems should be optimized. If information is entered in one system, it should be made retrievable in the other systems as well.



A draft of INTERACT main page including the three systems was presented and it will be discussed further at the next INTERACT data meeting which will be held on the 14th of December.

INTERACT products

INTERACT Science Stories book II

The INTERACT Science Stories book 2 is in its final stages and only the last proofreading is left to be done. It is expected to be published online in the coming weeks and then sent to the printers.

INTERACT Science Stories book II - E-book

INTERACT Science Stories book II will also appear as an e-book with swipe out pages containing additional information. The top pages will provide information about the research station where the field work has been carried out, its environmental envelope and also where the researchers come from. The bottom pages will contain videos, animations, educational material for children etc. The more complex animations are still in the making and will be added afterwards. All material and especially videos need to be quality controlled before they are added to the e-book. A suggestion was made to add a video introduction on how the book was made featuring the editors.

Minimizing environmental footprint books

Two new handbooks have been produced by SMF; "Reducing the Environmental Impact of Arctic Research Stations" and "Reducing the Environmental Impact of scientists working in The Cold North". The two books are almost finished, but at present a carbon footprint part is added. The plan is to have the two books ready before the end of 2020 as these are INTERACT II products.

Guidebook on communication

A guidebook has been produced by APECS in collaboration with the SMF. A draft has been distributed to the editors. It is a 60-page book which is very thorough and easy to understand. A last proofreading needs to be made and then it is ready for publication. It was suggested that Iridium could be contacted and perhaps include some information about how people used to navigate before the modern systems (still used by some Indigenous Peoples).

EU Polar Cluster

The EU Polar Cluster networks 21 Arctic and Antarctic EU funded projects (www.polarcluster.eu). EU PolarNet 2 is now coordinating the cluster. The project focuses on five themes (see below; (INTERACT representatives)) to ensure synergies between the projects and to avoid overlaps.

- Communications and Dissemination (Katharina Beckmann)
- Stakeholder Interactions (Niklas Labba)
- Training and Education (Agata Gozdzik)
- Data (Øystein Godøy)
- Policy Advice (Margareta Johansson)



INTERACT at ASSW?

The Arctic Science Summit Week will be held online 20-26 March 2021. INTERACT was invited by Olivia Lee to submit an abstract to the session: *“Experiences in Sustaining Collaborative Arctic Research Teams”*. The deadline to submit abstracts has been prolonged and is now 10 December. It was decided that INTERACT should submit an abstract for this session. INTERACT will in addition hold a community meeting for two hours to launch the Virtual Access portal.

- Margareta will with the help of Terry write and submit an abstract for the session that we were invited to.

Production of an Arctic Research Code of Conduct

INTERACT has been invited by ArcticNet to be part of a team that will produce an Arctic Research Code of Conduct. Kirsi is working on these topics also in EU PolarNet 2 which is why she was suggested to be the INTERACT representative in this project.

- Margareta will contact Pascale Ropars and let her know that Kirsi is the contact person for INTERACT in this process.

INTERACT and INPO – an excellent complement

We have to make sure that when we present INPO that we describe how it complements INTERACT. The existence of INPO should not overshadow our eligibility to apply for EU money in upcoming calls.

- To discuss strategies for this should be added as a point on the agenda for our next DMG meeting.

Translation of INTERACT products/production of leaflet

It was suggested to translate some of the INTERACT products into different languages to maximize our outreach. A start would be to produce a one-page leaflet that should be translated into all the Arctic languages (including Indigenous languages). It was suggested to make this in collaboration with the University of the Arctic as they have great contacts in all Arctic countries that could possibly help with translations.

- A draft of a one-page leaflet should be made, discussed and approved by the DMG and then send to Juana for lay-out.
- Kirsi could help with contacts for the University of the Arctic partners.

Future DMG meetings

It was decided that we will have monthly DMG meetings at least as long as we are unable to travel and meet at other meetings and conferences. The next DMG meeting is scheduled on the 18 December 10-12 AM CET online on Zoom.