



Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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27 April 2021

Participants: Luisella Bianco, Elmer Topp-Jørgensen, Margareta Johansson, Morten Rasch, Hannele Savela and Katharina Beckmann

New EU Project Officer

Our EU Project Officer Agnès Robin told us last week that since April 6, her role as Project Officer has ended. It is now the Research Executive Agency (REA), more precisely Unit REA.C.4 that are responsible for the follow up of Horizon 2020 Research Infrastructures projects. We have not got a new contact person but are encouraged to send any new request or question via the EC Portal. Hopefully, a new personal contact will be assigned to INTERACT.

Joint effort to minimize TA reimbursement problems

The Arctic research community is fairly small and many of the research institutions are partners in INTERACT. In EU projects, partners are not allowed to send invoices to each other which makes the reimbursement to scientists that have carried out TA difficult. INTERACT is not the only infrastructure project that has identified this problem and we have now joined forces with other infrastructure projects (such as ARICE) to make the EU aware of this problem and hope that a solution which will make it easier will arise.

- Hannele and Luisella will keep the DMG posted on any progress.

Report from Data Team meeting

The INTERACT Data Team that consists of representatives from the three INTERACT online systems, (the INTERACT GIS, INTERACCESS and the INTERACT Data Portal) together with the TA Coordinator, SMF coordinators and the Data Watch dog met on the 19th of April. Recent updates on the different INTERACT systems were presented and the new entry point to the INTERACT systems on the front page of INTERACT web site was presented. The participants also updated each other on upcoming milestones and deliverables to keep everyone informed. Meetings like this are taking us towards better interoperability. There was also a fruitful discussion about thematic maps. Work will continue across the data team to find a solution for functional maps in INTERACT GIS.



INTERACT 2

At the last meeting we decided to go ahead with the following activities (see below) to ensure to boost the outcome of INTERACT 2.

INPA web site

Elmer and Luisella presented a draft outline of INPA web site. Target stakeholders were identified, and the main contents of the page were presented. The INTERACT publications and links to tools such as INTERACCESS will be kept. A suggestion is also to have a web shop for gadgets. There will be room for news from stations and ambassadors. Priority is to give stakeholders a shortcut to find out what INPA is and what we do, and to make it easy to engage and support. The website is aimed at five different groups: decision-makers, supporters, station managers, and students and teachers.

It was discussed whether Incode could be responsible for the new website.

- Luisella will check if Incode has time and possibility to do this work.
- Have a dedicated DMG meeting about the INPA web site

Translations of INTERACT material

Terry and Maggan have not had time to work on as they have been focussing on the Stories of Arctic Science e-book development.

Movie

Luisella and Terry have been working on a draft storyline. This will be presented when Terry is present. The film will be something else than a documentary, and rather about the human involvement in the Arctic, how INTERACT is a station network from three continents, about science diplomacy, and how indigenous peoples are involved in the network. They are trying to find a way to mix historical footage with the present and fiction. A short-term plan: By the end of INTERACT II (September 2021) one shooting will be made in Abisko, not longer than 10 minutes. A long-term plan is to find external funding and film at other locations as well.

Merchandise

Morten and Katharina made a few suggestions that were then discussed. The products will be printed in Lund/Sweden.

For community building	Gadgets	For stands/booths
Signs for INTERACT stations	Key tags	T-shirts
Lego station	Stickers	Caps
	Badges	Hoodies
	Tattoos	Tablecloth with logo
	Umbrellas	Flags
	Postcard with QR code	

At some point we could also ask LEGO masters if they might build something on climate change. Abisko research station already has a sign that they have made themselves, and we should look at it. The community could be asked to build a research station or illustrate their science with a LEGO building, which could be kept at the INTERACT booth at meetings to draw attention to the booth.



- Katharina will look at prices and contact Abisko. Prioritize T-shirts / Hoodies / Caps / Table cloth with INTERACT logo, Postcards advertising books, Stickers, Badges, Tatoos.

INPA

Bank account

Margareta had a meeting with the bank “Sparbanken Skåne” on the 19th of April and INPA now finally has a bank account that will cost 90€ per year.

Internal documents

The internal document has been sent on review to all Station Managers in the TA evaluation board (to ensure geographical coverage). The comments from the station managers are compiled and a final version will then be discussed by the INPA Board of Directors at the next meeting. Next step is to prepare a page with selling arguments for stations to join INPA. The membership is suggested to be free until 2024.

- Luisella and Elmer will produce a promotional leaflet based on the website layout ideas

EC Open Research Europe Platform

Open Research Europe is an open access publishing platform for the publication of research stemming from Horizon 2020 funding across all subject areas. A question came up regarding exactly who can publish here.¹ We have TA users who are not from the consortium members. If not all TA users can publish here, there is no need for us to specifically promote this platform. However, it is important to promote INTERACT publications on this platform. <https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/>

- Katharina will check what needs to be done from INTERACT’s side.

Launch of INTERACT Stories of Arctic Science II at UArctic Congress

The INTERACT Stories of Arctic Science II Book and interactive E-book will be launched 17 May 2021 at 10-10:30 GMT with the following programme:

10:00-10:05 *INTERACTing in the Arctic - Margareta Johansson (Sweden)*

10:05-10:10 *Giving access to the Arctic - Hannele Savela (Finland)*

10:10-10:15 *Telling more stories of Arctic Science - Terry Callaghan (United Kingdom/Russia)*

10:15-10:20 *Enthusing school children - Rhianna Davies-Smith (United Kingdom)*

10:20-10:25 *Interactive story telling - Ilya Myasnikov (Russia)*

10:25-10:30 *QA*

¹ Update: “It is those who are directly funded by Horizon 2020 (publications directly under the name “INTERACT” and TA users that are also consortium members in INTERACT) that are eligible to publish.”



In addition, we are also planning to have a lottery and pick 3 winners among the audience who will get a hard copy of the book.

Any other issues

Upcoming publications

Communication and navigation (co-production with APECS) will soon be sent to the publisher.

Reducing the environmental impact from arctic research will soon be sent to layout.

Reducing the carbon footprint of arctic research stations is in its initial phase.

University of Copenhagen has produced an Arctic Safety Manual, and we are allowed to publish it as an INTERACT publication. We will use this book as the base for a new publication. It will go into detail more thoroughly on safety issues than the other field guides that INTERACT has published.

MoU with third pole station

Science learning centre in Nepal has contacted INTERACT and a MoU will most likely be written with them. This MoU ensure collaboration with infrastructures at the Third Pole.

INTERACT III annual meetings

In 2021, two general meetings will be held, one online in May and one physical (hopefully) in November. The format for the online meeting will be progress reports from WP accompanied by discussions on what input is needed from other WP throughout the 6 different societal challenges. In addition, a separate Station Managers Forum will be held.

Organizational changes

Juana at Aarhus University (who has been responsible for the amazing INTERACT layouts throughout the years) will retire in February 2022, but will still be able do some tasks for INTERACT.

Next meeting

The next DMG meeting will be held 10-12 CEST on the 20th May.