



Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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INTERACT II Reporting

We had the intention to submit the report on the 30th November, but as four partners had not submitted their financial statements (due to problems with audit) this was not possible. The new deadline to submit is on the 31st December. In addition to this, we will finish off the project with a ½ day meeting consisting of an external reviewer, our EU scientific officer, WP leaders and members of the Daily Management Group.

INTERACT III First periodic report

Overall, this was a very positive review. It is the same external reviewer that we had in Salekhard for the midterm report for INTERACT II. There are some points for improvement and for the next review we will act on these suggestions.

TA call

Surprisingly many applications were submitted this year, 104 in total (our record from previous year is 120 before the pandemic started). Very many applications came in last minute. Half of them were completely new and the rest were projects that had been cancelled before. Decisions will be made in mid-March by the TA evaluation board. After the decisions we need to revisit the budget as for some stations it might be needed to include quarantine costs.

General Assembly

The general assembly and station managers' forum in Kilpisjärvi in northern Finland were held 22-26 November combined with an online participation of slightly more than 30%. The hybrid meeting format was new to us and we can conclude that it was difficult to combine online and physical meeting. As it is likely that the hybrid meetings are here to stay, a list of lessons learned for the future was compiled and discussed at the meeting. Examples of questions that were discussed are:

-How to ensure that the right technical equipment exists?



Maybe next time we should bring a kit with the equipment we need to make us less dependent on the equipment on site.

-How to create a community feeling not only among the people that are attending the meeting physically?

Next time we could also have an online icebreaker in addition to the physical.

INPA

Work plan 2022 & budget

The workplan and budget has been sent to Frederik Paulsen for his comments. We will revisit this when we have received his comments.

Recruitment campaign at General Assembly

We sent a reminder with all the documents to the stations to invite them to join INPA. 11 stations (apart from those already in Arctic Passion) have asked to join which gives us slightly more than 20 stations. One station has asked to pay with in-kind contribution. The in-kind contribution should be specified, and we should get back to this (to begin with, ask the station what they would like to contribute with). The cost to join is 200 Euros, but as the account is in Sweden, we should state the cost in Swedish krona. Luisella is working on an online form that will be sent to the stations that have asked to join.

Website

Luisella and Elmer have gone through the website and sent their comments to the website creators at Tomsk State University. As soon as the very minor changes are implemented, the website can go live.

External projects

Arctic Passion

We are now approved as employers. We have not yet found the right person for the position. There won't be any physical workplace, no office, and this is something that we need to tell the person applying for the position.

- Margareta will contact APECS and ask for recruitment help.

eRImote

No news about the application is available yet.

AMAP application

Terry and Simon have been in touch with AMAP. AMAP know that they will receive money from the EU but negotiations are not done yet. INPA will conduct a survey among the INTERACT Stations on who is doing research on black carbon and who could consider doing it in the future.



Upcoming external meetings

Arctic Frontiers

Elmer and Øystein Godøy are going.

ASSW

Two INTERACT events will be held at the same day (FARO, ARICE, EPB session about sustainability and joint projects and TA programmes; and the TA session on current Arctic research which Hannele and Terry will chair).

UArctic

A session proposal for the next UArctic meeting has been submitted and we are waiting for the result.

Arctic Cluster

EPB wants to facilitate a session on the Arctic science cooperation agreement. INTERACT's survey on the agreement.

- Katharina will contact EPB and Elmer and discuss ways forward

Upcoming INTERACT meetings

Daily Management Group meetings

DMG online January

Our next DMG meeting will be held the 19th of January 13-15.

- Katharina sends out calendar invitation

Venue for physical meeting in April

We aim to meet in north-eastern Finland in 27-29 April.

- Hannele will check a venue and get back to us at the next DMG with a suggestion.

Next General Assembly

Venue and dates

We hope we can have our next general assembly at the Toolik Lake Station in Alaska in September. However, we need to see how the pandemic is evolving. A Plan B is a conference centre close to Copenhagen airport. However, we need to decide on the dates ASAP.

- Katharina will set up a doodle poll for WP leaders, DMG for all September

Any other issues

Social media

We are not maximising our social media channels. Next year in December we will have a Christmas calendar with highlights from our publications and suchlike. We need to open an Instagram account



for INTERACT that is not connected to Hannele's account (which is the case now). INPA needs a different account. Each social media platform has a different form. The content needs to be planned.

Martin Breum would be happy to have a seminar at the next meeting about press releases and shorter stories. The science blogs are maybe a bit outdated. How can this be transferred to other platforms? We also need to improve our outreach to the general public.

- Katharina, Luisella and Margareta will form a social media committee. We will ask Martin Breum and Marie to join as they have extensive experience with this.
- Katharina will ask stations about their social media presence and collect info in a google doc.