



Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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INTERACT 3 Reporting

The first periodic report for INTERACT3 was submitted to the EU on time at the deadline on 31 August. Now the EU will invite an external reviewer to go through all the deliverable reports as well as all the technical report and will assist the EU Officer to assess the work carried out during the first 18 month of the project.

INTERACT 2 Reporting

INTERACT 2 will finish at the end of September and then we need to prepare a final report to the EU. We have started to draft guidelines and templates for the reporting. These will be distributed in the beginning of October and will include instructions how to make the financial reporting as well as what is needed for the technical report.

INTERACT 2 Amendment

As there has been some budget transfers between partners due to covid-19 pandemic, we have launched an amendment to the EU to modify the budget according to how the money has been spent instead. We need some assistance from our EU Officer to modify the budget in the amendment, so we will continue this work once he has got back to us.

INTERACT 3 Amendment

In the first periodic report for INTERACT 3, there is a section on Deviations from DoA in the first reporting period. Here we mention how the covid-19 pandemic has impacted the Transnational-Access and we write *"To ensure that all of the planned excellent science will take place during the course of the INTERACT III project, we will apply for a one-year extension of the project as a corrective action."* When the report has been approved, we will apply for a one-year extension of INTERACT 3.



INPA

Arctic-Passion

The 10 INTERACT stations that are part of Arctic-Passion through INPA will meet in a first meeting to discuss ways forward in the beginning of October. The project will have its Kick off meeting online on the 23-24 September.

- Maggan will invite the 10 INTERACT stations for a meeting to discuss ways forward in the Arctic-Passion project.

INPA Web site

A meeting was held on the 30th of August with the developer of Tomsk State University, Ilya and Vasily and Luisella och Maggan representing INPA to discuss the development of the INPA web site. A draft of the web site will be presented at the end of September.

- Elmer and Luisella will work on the content of the web site and consult other DMG members if input is needed.
- Luisella has purchased the web domain www.interactassociation.org which will be the formal web address for INPA.

eRImote

INPA has been invited to join an EU Coordination and support action application called “Pathways to improved resilience through Remote/Digital Access for European Research Infrastructures (eRimote)”. INPA will contribute with the knowledge gained from more than ten years of transnational access in INTERACT to develop guidelines for future improvements of remote and virtual access. The application was submitted 23 September 2021 and Hannele and Morten have been the contact persons from INPA.

ABC-iCAP

INPA was also invited by the AMAP Secretariat to join an EU application called “Arctic Black Carbon impacting Climate and Air Pollution (ABC-iCAP)”. INPA will have a small role in the project mainly reviewing what stations are monitoring black carbon and which stations could potentially do so in the future. Terry is the Internal Project Manager for ABC-iCAP in INPA.

Status of the e-book and the Siberian Environmental Change volume

The Stories of Arctic Science II INTERACTIVE E-book

The INTERACTIVE E-book is available on <https://interactscicestories.org/> Terry has together with Wicked Weather Watch developed educational and outreach material for sections 4, 5 and 6 and will continue with the remaining sections as soon as possible. TSU is currently working on the lay-out and how to be able to include it in the E-book.

SecNet Special Issue of Ambio on Siberia

SecNet is producing a special issue of Ambio that will be published in November that focusses on environmental change in Siberia. There is still some work that needs to be done, but it is very likely that the special issue will be published in November as planned. This special issue will be very relevant



for INTERACT and some of the papers published in this special issue are projects that have been funded by INTERACT TA.

General Assembly

Physical GA in November

If covid allows, then we will have our next general assembly meeting in Kilpisjärvi in Finland 22-26 November. Katharina is currently planning the logistics in collaboration with the staff at the Kilpisjärvi Biological Station that will host the meeting. The meeting is intended to be a hybrid meeting as most likely everyone will not be able to travel in November. We will of course keep track of the covid situation and if needed the meeting will be transferred into an online meeting.

Upcoming meetings in the autumn/spring

SMF book launch at APECS meeting

The new “INTERACT Fieldwork Communication and Navigation Guidebook” will be launched at the Polar Science Week on the 22 September.

Arctic Circle

It was concluded that we should try to get a booth at the Arctic Circle conference in Reykjavik in October as this is the first gathering of the Arctic community since covid started.

- Katharina will explore the possibility to arrange a booth at the Arctic Circle conference
- Katharina and Morten will check possibility to man the booth.

Greenland Science Week

Elmer will be present at the Greenland Science Week 1-14 November in Nuuk.

Arctic Frontiers

Elmer will give a presentation at Arctic Frontiers in Tromsø in January and Maggan will be on site as well.

Arctic Science Summit Week 2022

Hannele has applied for a TA-User session at the ASSW2022 and this will most likely take place on the 29th of March. Morten and Elmer have also applied for a session together with ARICE, FARO and EPB as a follow up on the session they had at ASSW2021.

INTERACT Short films – Guardians of the Arctic

Luisella presented the outline of an INTERACT docu-series that has developed as a response to the travel restrictions that covid has posed on us and the limited abilities to promote INTERACT that followed. This is a new way of presenting INTERACT, the work we do and who we are in short films that are planned for social media.



Any other issues

Next DMG meetings

The next DMG meeting is planned for 5 October 13-15. We also plan to have a face-to-face meeting in January. Dates and venue will be decided later.

- Katharina will send out doodle poll to find a date for the physical meeting in January.