



Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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10 November 2021

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INTERACT 2 reporting

The deadline for the final report for INTERACT 2 is the 30th of November. There are still quite a few cost statements from partners that have not been submitted, and many of the submitted statements needed revisions after the check done by Hannele. For the future we should make sure that at least one admin person from each partner takes part in the webinars provided to guide the partners how to report their costs to minimize this work load.

There is also quite much work left on the technical report, but we aim to submit the report on time.

General Assembly

The general assembly that is planned for Kilpisjärvi on the 22-26 November is in preparation and so far it looks like we will be able to hold it as a face-to-face meeting (no stricter covid-regulations for the moment being). Until the travel day, we will keep updated on any new travel regulations that might appear. An agenda and guidelines will be mailed to all participants.

- Katharina will keep an eye on travel requirements for travelling to Finland: <https://www.finnair.com/au-en/travel-requirements-map>
- Katharina will email the agenda and guidelines to everyone and ask for billing address
- Katharina will send participant list to Luisella, and make film consent-google form.

INPA

Work Plan 2022 & Budget

The Work plan needs to be approved by the Board. All Board members have received it and has had the possibility to comment on it. It will be further developed and then distributed to the Board again.

Recruitment campaign at General Assembly

The stations need to be informed about what the benefits are and how they can join.

- Terry volunteered to make a draft of why stations should join INPA (DMG will get a chance to comment) that will go out to everyone.



Website

Luisella walked us through the website and the DMG had an opportunity to provide comments on the overall structure and design. Later, everybody will be asked to go through the website in detail and provide comments.

External projects

Arctic Passion

Margareta Johansson, Anne Morgenstern and Morten Rasch (part of WP1 in Arctic Passion) joined the Arctic Passion meeting, which basically was an introduction of all the partners. We need to employ a person full-time for Arctic Passion for 20 person months. It was suggested to contact Svenja Holste from APECS as she has done an excellent job for INTERACT in the SMF.

- Margareta will contact Svenja to ask if she would be interested in working for INPA.

Can INPA become an Arctic Council observer?

The chairman of the Arctic Council is well-informed about INTERACT. It would be really great if INPA could become one of the Arctic Council observers. We will discuss this further when we have our face-to-face DMG meeting in April.

Upcoming meetings in the autumn

Arctic Future Symposium 6-7 December

INTERACT will not be present.

AAECO meeting online "Arctic Science Collaboration" 9 December

This meeting is sponsored by the Prince Albert foundation. It will be held in Helsinki and Margareta will be participating online. Infrastructure is on their list and that is why it is good to have INTERACT present.

Arctic Frontiers

Elmer and Margareta will be attending. Update: By the time these meeting minutes are published, Arctic Frontiers have announced that the meeting will be postponed to later this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

ASSW

The tentative title for the INTERACT session at ASSW is "INTERACT TA user community: Current arctic research addressing global challenges of the future". The meeting is targeted to spark new ideas and open for collaborative articles in Nature etc. The session could highlight synthesis articles that have been produced through TA earlier and also collaborations between stations (for example University of Arhus and University of Oulanka). Terry agreed to chair the TA session event that will be held 9.30-13.00 on the 29th March on the science day.

A joint FARO/ARICE/EPB session (full day) is booked on the same day and unfortunately clashes, but by highlighting different aspects, hopefully there will be less competition about the audience.

- Hannele and Terry will meet online in December to draft a programme for the TA user community session.



UArctic

UArctic will be held back-to-back with Science Festival (Russia) 4-7 October, and the deadline for session proposals is 15 November (250 words). INTERACT could organize something on "Cooperation on different levels" (essence of science diplomacy) together with the British embassy focusing on citizen science.

- Margareta and Terry will submit a session application.

AGU and EGU

The EGU and the AGU provides excellent platforms to meet very many scientists. If they will be face-to-face this year, INTERACT should be present perhaps with a booth.

- Katharina checks when AGU and EGU are and if there is a possibility to have a booth.

Next DMG meetings

DMG online before Christmas

Next DMG meeting will be held 15 December 13-15.

- Katharina will send out meeting info and a calendar invitation

Venue for physical meeting in April

The dates for a face-to face DMG meeting have been decided on 25-29 April 2022. A suggestion is to have the meeting in Greenland at the Arctic Station.

- Morten and Katharina will explore the possibility and get back to the group at our next meeting.

Any other issues

INTERACT in Cordis Magazine

INTERACT was featured in the EU research magazine Cordis:

<https://cordis.europa.eu/article/id/435284-a-new-buzz-bumblebee-species-among-discoveries-enabled-by-arctic-research-portal?fbclid=IwAR2QgcsJm8oo0xTmxWsWByHbo2O0M17W6bLf12piLCNPdDpOsEKsDNtvg6g>

INTERACT Advent calendar

It was suggested that INTERACT should have an Advent calendar with a new item every day from the 1st to the 24th of December. It could for example be used to provide more publicity to INTERACT stories of Arctic Science II. However, the E-book additional information is not finished yet so it might be better to continue to brainstorm on what could be presented in an advent calendar.