

Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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1. INTERACT 2 Reporting

Submission of report 17 February

The final report for INTERACT2 was rejected because some of the TA was claimed in the wrong reporting period in the cost statements and in some cases digital signatures of the CFS did not work. We are working on correcting these small errors and will re-submit ASAP. We gather all the lessons learned from this submission to our future reporting and our current guidelines will be improved to make the process smoother in the future.

Follow up on review meeting 14 February

This meeting was excellent. We received very positive feedback and the Commission seems very pleased. We haven't heard back from the review itself yet, but will of course distribute the information as soon as we receive it.

2. INTERACT 3

Amendment

This amendment has been launched in the EU portal and hopefully this procedure will be continued this week. We will ask for a prolongation for the whole project for 1 more year.

3. INPA

INPA Board meeting outcomes

The budget was approved and all 26 stations that have applied are now officially members of INPA. Welcome emails will be sent out soon. Another ten stations are in the application process.

Upcoming General Assembly

A suggestion is to have a SMF back-to-back with this INPA General Assembly, but this has yet to be discussed. The General Assembly will most likely be a hybrid meeting.

- Katharina sends a reminder for the poll to find a suitable date before 30 June 2022.

Staff

We have reached out to Josefine Lenz (APECS) and asked for suggestions for candidates. She has suggested a very interesting candidate and we will start to discuss it further with her.

INPA External Project update

Arctic Passion is proceeding according to schedule and WP 1 (in which INPA contributes to) will have a meeting on the 1 March.

ABC iCap's contract will be signed directly with AMAP and we are waiting for AMAP to get back to us with further details.

eRemote is in contract negotiations with the EU and INPA provides the requested input to e.g. Consortium Agreement and administrative paper requests by the EU.

INPA Web site

The INPA website is now up and running and looks great, the staff at TSU have done an excellent job. The new members will be added to the website when they have signed the contract and paid the annual fee.

4. War in Ukraine

TA visits 2022

We are awaiting further instructions from the EU. We have received an email stating that it is not business as usual.

Some Russian stations have already been granted access, and this is something we will have to deal with when we know more. At the same time access decisions are about to be made about other stations. We save the Russian stations until we know what to do.

Payments

No payments can be made to Russia until further notice.

Line of communication

We must follow the instructions we receive from EU as we are an EU funded project. We think however that it is very important that we keep the communication lines with Russia open as long as possible to ensure that we can resume our collaboration as soon as possible.

Role of INPA

When we have received more information from the EU about the impacts of the war on our project, we need to discuss what role INPA can have for our pan-arctic collaboration.

5. Upcoming external meetings

Policy brief on 'sustained infrastructure cooperation and transnational access in the Arctic' in June

The dates of this policy brief are still not decided. Two suggestions have been made, either it will happen in June or at the Arctic Circle in October. A 2-page political statement publication will be made and a Policy brief will be written early this summer. EU PolarNet is planning for a workshop on creating policy level recommendation for polar observing systems. This will be an online event on the 7th June.

Arctic Frontiers – postponed

The Arctic Frontiers has been postponed to the 9-11 May 2022. Elmer will participate and present INTERACT GIS and a data management plan.

ASSW – TA session and booth

The TA User session will be a hybrid meeting (as all of ASSW). There will be 5 highlight speakers in addition to Margareta and Terry. Two people will present online, and the rest will be there in person. The INTERACT booth is confirmed and free of charge.

- Print flyers to advertise the Science Stories 2 book (Margareta & Terry)
- Send material to the booth (Katharina)

EGU

The EGU will take place 23–27 May 2022. Booth rentals will be possible by 31 March 2022. Exhibitor staff members attending the booth are obligated to be registered by Thursday, 14 April 2022, 13:00 CET

- Katharina checks possibility for booth

6. Upcoming INTERACT meetings

Daily Management Group meetings

The next DMG meeting will be held online on the 22nd March 1-3PM. Katharina sends out outlook invitation.

We have now decided to meet close to Oulu in Finland on the 27-29 April.

- Hannele will make the reservations at hotel and the rest of the DMG order their flight tickets.

General Assembly

It has been decided that the next INTERACT General Assembly should be held 26-30 September 2022. Venue is still to be decided.

- Katharina sends out email to inform everybody about the dates