



# Minutes

## INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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### INTERACT II Reporting

There are still no updates regarding this matter. We are awaiting a reply from EU on how to finalise the report.

### INTERACT III

#### Amendment

INTERACT III Termination report is ongoing in the Funding and Tender Portal for the Russian partners, apart from one, NESS, which is not yet terminated automatically (as they are not a stately owned partner). We have contacted NESS about the termination because they cannot fulfil their part due to the war. However, we need an amendment for the termination and the prolongation of the project (due to covid) and now we are waiting for further info from the EU before submitting the amendment.

#### Termination reports Russian partners

Many of the Russian partners have contributed but we have not heard from a few. Again, we will ask our scientific officer for advice how to proceed if they do not respond in time. We will compile information and submit what we have got to EU on the deadline.

#### General Assembly

All the arrangements are done and everything is according to plan.

- Katharina will double check with the seafood restaurant if they can provide meat; checks how to get from airport to the hotel; will provide a google doc where participants can choose between volcano hike and Blue Lagoon for the excursion.

### INPA

#### Staff

Caro has been working all summer. She has met everybody at the Arctic Passion meeting in June. Rif and NIBIO are new stations that are on board replacing two of the Russian stations. We have also been in touch with Churchill, who are interested in joining and we expect a final confirmation from



them very soon. Caro is doing a great and independent job and will join us at the annual meeting in Iceland.

Vanessa, living in Italy, is newly employed for INTERACT and INPA on a 12-month contract, starting in September. She is also joining us in Iceland. Vanessa will be helping out with the EU PolarNet workshop and also with eRImote.

## Project update

### *Arctic PASSION*

Next week a review will be sent out to the participating stations, that then will be discussed on a meeting on the 8 September. Discussions on what equipment to buy to improve the current observing system will follow.

### *eRImote*

There will be an ERimote workshop with staff and user training for remote access, and the program is more or less finalised. An official invitation will come out and be distributed through the INTERACT and INPA channels. eRimote holds bi-weekly project meetings.

## Upcoming external meetings

### Arctic Circle, Reykjavik 13-16 October

We have a booth at the meeting. Katharina and Margareta and possible Terry will be present.

### Stakeholder workshop, Brussels, 27<sup>th</sup> October

Everybody who have been invited to present have said yes. Our scientific officer will join us and might bring some colleagues as well.

- Katharina checks with Veronica Willmott if we can send books beforehand

### ArcticNet, Toronto, 5-8 December

We are considering going there. This is the first on-site meeting after covid.

- Katharina will find out the costs for a booth and checking if any of our Canadian partners are going and if they might be able to man a booth.

### DMG meeting 20<sup>th</sup> September

Next DMG meeting will be held online at 10.00 CEST on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

- Katharina sends out calendar invitation and books meeting in Zoom



## Any other issues

### Timing of the upcoming call for Transnational Access

As we have not got a confirmation that we will get a prolongation of the project, it is unsure if there will be one or two more TA calls in INTERACT III. The timing of the upcoming TA call was therefore discussed and two alternative options were suggested. It was decided to go with a slightly delayed call this year as hopefully we will learn more about the prolongation by the time the call ends. In addition, it will be a benefit as we can market the call widely at the Arctic Circle and the applicants will still have time to prepare an application.

*The time line decided on for the upcoming TA call.*

Stage of the TA/RA Call	2 <sup>nd</sup> option
Call open	12.9.-15.11.
Webinar for applicants	5.10.
Eligibility check	16.-18.11.
Assign to evaluation	21.-25.11.
TA Board evaluations	28.11.-27.1.
TA Board meeting	1.-15.2.
Station decisions	15.-28.2.
Decisions to applicants	by 15.3.

### New Publications

A new INTERACT publication will be printed and come out next week, *Reducing the CO2-emission from Arctic Fieldwork*. Books will be distributed at the general assembly in Iceland and upcoming external meetings.

### Field season is up and running again

After a long break due to covid, this summer provides the first proper field season since 2019. We have received very good feedback from Transnational Access users this summer, both for the TA coordination but also for the research stations service.