

Minutes

INTERACT Daily Management Group Meeting

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INTERACT GIS

The Group discussed how to secure the future of INTERACT GIS. Originally the idea was to create an INTERACT GIS platform that would continue to exist independently of future funding. We are not there yet, but one solution could be that INPA could operate the INTERACT GIS. The original developers were SLU who still have the ownership and we need to ask if they are ready to transfer the rights to INPA.

SITES (Swedish Infrastructure for Ecosystem Science) is also using the system. We have a good collaboration, but we need to make an official agreement on how to operate the system. Now they are using it free of charge, but at a later stage they will pay a share of the cost. At the moment, INTERACT GIS costs approximately 1800 euros per year for server, backup and some technical assistance from Umeå University. We only pay more if we need to develop new features in the system. Until we have found a solution, new observer stations will be encouraged to include their station information in the INTERACT GIS so that the INTERACT web site can harvest this data afterwards.

- Elmer will send instructions for how to register in GIS to Katharina
- Katharina will send these to the new observer stations joining INTERACT/INPA

Upcoming infrastructure call

Hannele, Morten, Elmer and Maggan have been contacted individually and asked if they are interested to participate in the new call. Everybody is interested but want to join using their INTERACT hats, however the need to join as individuals, for practical reasons. INPA will be a partner and will get money for the data portal and INTERACCESS. This means that we can maintain and update these systems and hence all INTERACT stations will benefit from this. The scientific topics that will be prioritised in the new project are already set and stations that can contribute to these topics will be offered to join.

- Hannele, Elmer and Margareta will be the INPA representatives that will discuss with Nicole and Veronica and do the best for INPA.

Launch campaign for Northwards

All episodes will be ready so that the DMG can watch it during Christmas. The series is aimed for common people. Questions arising now are: How do we find the audience? Where should it be launched?

An idea is to combine the premiere with a fundraising event for INPA. Another one is to let the series participate in festivals for docuseries or science. Terry suggested a launch event at the Natural History Museum in Stockholm, Sweden. As Crown princess Victoria some time ago has offered her help to launch any event, maybe we could use this momentum to kickstart the docuseries. If media is present, we have the possibility to reach millions. If we also get the scientific community to share it with their personal friends in their networks we could also reach a huge community.

- Luisella will produce a trailer that can be used to promote a premiere
- Terry will contact the Crown princess of Sweden to check for her possible presence (for the first premiere)
- Luisella will together with Vanessa check if there are any relevant festivals where the Northwards can be shown.

INTERACT annual meeting

We need to set the date and venue for our next annual meeting. As we have never held an INTERACT meeting in North America, we would like to hold it there and we have received two offers; to come to Toolik field station and to come to Quebec City.

- Katharina will make a doodle poll for September to send to DMG and WP leaders.
- When the dates are decided, Margareta will contact both Toolik and CEN to check with them if the time suits either of them. We will let them know that we are contacting both.
- If both Toolik and CEN can host the meeting, then we will make a quick poll with the INTERACT partners to ask for their opinion.

Other issues

EuroGEO Session on Polar Observation

Elmer was attending a EuroGEO Session on Polar Observation last week and met with Gaelle Le-Bouler from the European Commission. An interest to collaborate with INTERACT was shown from the remote sensing people in Copernicus.

Arctic Science Summit Week

At the ASSW there will be a Polar Cluster session where INTERACT should be presented. Now there is a time slot for GIS and also slot on extreme events with CAFF. Elmer and Hannele will have their session on the 22nd of February. Hannele will do the presentation at the Polar cluster session.



INPA

A suggestion to diversify INPA was raised. It might be useful for the next project to involve more indigenous people that live near our stations. Maybe there are no immediate answers, but we should at least bring this up for discussion at the next INPA meeting.

In order to involve more alpine stations, one of the alpine stations could link to the alpine community. Could maybe Elke Ludewig from Sonnblick be a link between INTERACT and alpine networks? We need to show that we are not only an Arctic network but that we are a network of Alpine research stations as well. A suggestion is to include an alpine representative in the TA board. At the next INPA board meeting we should suggest implementing interest groups. If there is an alpine interest group we should also have an interest group for boreal forest. This might even open up for new applications.

Next meeting

The next DMG meeting will take place on the 17 January 2023.