

Minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

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INTERACT 2 Reporting

Last Friday, the report was resubmitted. We will now wait for the EU to check the final details and then proceed with the final payment of the project. The money transfers between the coordinator and Russia will still have to be figured out and we have sought advice from our EU project officer.

INTERACT 3 Reporting

The Periodic Reporting is usually opened automatically in the EU portal on the 1 January, but had to be done manually due to the amendment that is still open (and needs to be signed before we submit the periodic report). The amendment is about terminating the contract with the Russian stations, and it is now in the hands of the EU and we are waiting for response from the EU how to proceed with this.

A request for information about Gender, Dissemination and Publication has been sent out to all partners and we are gathering this information for the periodic report. A technical report including information from all WPs will be compiled.

In addition, all partners will submit their financial statements. Hannele and Luisella held a webinar on this topic with ca 30 participants. The webinar is also available online. As EU is now very detail-oriented, we need to be very thorough and ensure that as many of the small missing details is added by the partners before it is submitted to the EU by the coordinator. Hannele and Luisella will go through the cost statements and reject them if required details are missing.

After we have received the cost statements from all partners we will have a better overview of how much money each partner has spent up to know. With this overview we can reallocate some funds through e.g. the TA pool system and also through the planned next amendment when requesting a 1-year extension of the project.

New Observer Stations

5 research stations have applied to become Observer Stations in INTERACT. These are Lammi Biological Station and Tvärminne Station from University of Helsinki in Finland, Barrier Lake Field

Station and RB Miller Field Station from University of Calgary in Canada and finally Koltur Research Station in the Faroe Island. All stations apart from Tvärminne fulfills the geographical scope of being an observer station in INTERACT (arctic, alpine or boreal station). Tvärminne station in the southwest of Finland is mainly a marine station (land-based, but not terrestrial), neither boreal nor alpine, and will therefore not be accepted as an Observer Station in INTERACT.

- Margareta will welcome the new observer stations
- Katharina will gather information about the stations for INTERACT GIS/ web site

EU Call on Arctic, Antarctic and Marine infrastructures

As reported earlier, EU has announced an infrastructure call for Arctic and Antarctic (terrestrial, marine and atmosphere) infrastructures. AWI will lead an application and has contacted INPA to ask for advice who could be possible candidates to be included in the application. Stations that are currently providing TA/RA/VA and all stations belonging to INPA have been contacted and almost all stations have responded that they are interested in joining this call. INPA will provide the INTERACCESS system and the Virtual Access Data Portal.

INTERACT Annual meeting 2023

The dates will be 11th-15th September. Hannele might not be able to participate in person but can in that case give her presentation online.

- Katharina will send a “save the date” to the consortium
- Maggan will contact CEN and Toolik

INTERACT DMG meetings

- Katharina sends doodle poll for online meeting in March and physical meeting in end of April/beginning of May (4-5 weeks)

Call for session at Arctic Circle, deadline 1st of May

We will think about having a session at the next Arctic Circle in Reykjavik, Iceland, until next time we meet. We also need to think how we can get closer to Indigenous Peoples. Forming “AGE” (an “APECS for senior/retired polar scientists”) inspired by Indigenous People and their elders could be one way. Coproduction of knowledge/citizen science are keywords here, but it is important not to just produce knowledge for the sake of it but we also want to use this knowledge to solve something. Maybe this could be a topic for Arctic Circle.



Any other issues

The Daily Management Group can now watch the INTERACT docu-series “Northwards”. Please get back to Luisella with any comments. The series is for common people, not for scientists. As we are planning on a premier, then the Daily Management Group members are asked to keep the episodes to themselves at the moment.