

Meeting minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

13 February 2023

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1. INTERACT 2 reporting

The report has been submitted and accepted. The review was extremely positive. We have been able to comment on the comments and have sent it back. Now we are awaiting the final payment. Since 1st February we have a new financial officer.

2. INTERACT 3 reporting

We are in the middle of the INTERACT 3 reporting, gathering all the information needed. The quality of the financial statements is generally very low and demands a lot of extra work. The technical report is in progress and we expect to have everything done by the deadline 28th of February.

3. Amendment

The INTERACT 3 amendment is still open (termination of Russian partners) and this has to be fixed before we send in the periodic report on the 28th February. There is nothing we can do but wait for the EU to finish the amendment. Hence, we don't know if we can submit on the 28th or not.

4. TA summer season 2023

The TA advisory board meeting has been held. There were 94 applications, and 93 were eligible. 57 projects were recommended (61%). The overall quality of the applications was higher than usual. The recommendations will be sent to the station managers this week (before ASSW) but the stations should not submit their decisions until they have heard from Hannele (this is budget-related, and has to do with the TA access pool). Ideally the calculations of TA pool are ready in early March and the access decisions will be sent out shortly after.

5. INPA

Caro is working on contacting the member stations to request the member fees for 2023. After the periodic reporting we will contact all INTERACT stations to see if they would like to join INPA. Now

we can also show some concrete example of how member stations can benefit from being part of INPA (e.g. Arctic Passion).

ArcticPassion

Arctic Passion is working on its periodic report for the overall project and for INPA's part. Soon the equipment that was ordered this winter will be sent out to the stations. This spring we are looking forward to have new instruments up and running at 10 stations. Caro has done an amazing job with this, navigating through the international difficulties with ordering instruments and equipment.

ERimote

The expert groups will start operating this spring until autumn. INPA leads Expert Group 1 on Policy Assurance and Virtual Access Provision. The first online meetings will be held in April. A workshop will be held on Policy, Funding, and Impact. This will be in London, UK. All partners have been asked if we have any candidates for speakers. Vanessa will participate on behalf of INPA but it might be a good idea if Terry could join as well.

- Hannele will send Terry the details who can then consider if this is a relevant meeting or not.

POLARIN

This is the infrastructure call that AWI is leads. INPA would like to contribute with INTERACCESS and Vanessa and the Data Portal. Incode will ask for person months to maintain and update the system.

At the moment everyone is sending in their wish list for the project. As not all stations will be able to join POLARINN (e.g. no alpine stations) we need to seek additional money in INPA to maintain the Station Managers' Forum with all INTERACT stations – and this is what INPA is for. To secure this, we have to get people to work for INPA.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius is a marine infrastructure project, a follow-up on Euro Fleets. They are interested in an adaptation of the INTERACCESS system. This can be pursued through INPA. By using INPA the money goes to a non-profit organization instead of directly to a company.

6. Upcoming meetings

ASSW

Hannele, Elmer, Vanessa and Kirsi are attending. Vanessa is taking care of the booth. Katharina has sent material. Hannele will present INTERACT at several occasions at ASSW (<https://assw.info/program/assw-2023-program>):

Sat 18 Feb: EU Polar Cluster meeting

Mon 20th Feb: INTERACT TA User Community meeting

Wed 22nd Feb: Arctic observations session

There will be a re-launch of the GIS system

- Hannele will send Katharina date and time for news item/social media.

4. INTERACT meetings

General Assembly

We will hold the meeting in Toolik and hope that as many as possible will join.

DMG Buxton

11th and 14th of April are travel days. Morten and Kirsi are unfortunately not joining. Terry has kindly offered to pick people up even at different times.

- Katharina will check flights from CPH and send times to Hannele and Luisella

5. Any other issues

Joint Research Activities

We need to continue to assure the integration between the different WPs. We will get an overview of all the progress made now after the second period report which will be distributed to all partners. In addition, we should also arrange for a WP leader meeting.

- Katharina will find time for online meeting for WP and DMG in March after 13th (3 weeks) and send out poll.

Re-launch for GIS system

- Katharina will do social media outreach on the 20th of February and work on broken links.

New observer stations

As soon as Maggan has invited them Katharina will copy Elmer on the GIS and template email.

BBC

There has been no action for 2 years and now everything is happening within a month. The demands are high and draft movies will be available this spring.

Northwards

- Please watch the docuseries and get back to Luisella if you have any comments.

Next meetings

- Katharina sends out Calendar invitations for next DMGs both online and physical meetings.