

Meeting minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

14 March 2023

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1. INTERACT 3 reporting

The second periodic report could not be submitted on time (28th of February), due to the ongoing amendment to terminate the contract with the Russian partners (see below). As this has now been resolved we expect to submit the second periodic report today or tomorrow.

2. Ongoing amendment – termination of the contract with Russian partners

This amendment was submitted already before the General Assembly in September 2022 but since this is a first time ever situation with the war in Ukraine, it has taken some time for the EU to figure out how to handle everything. The amendment was finally approved last Friday.

3. Future Amendment

When the second periodic report has been approved, we will request another amendment to ask for a one-year prolongation of the project. In addition, we will cease the opportunity to make minor adjustments of a few deadlines for milestones and deliverables and to include the Access Pool transfers, that took place for TA call for summer season 2023, in the budget.

4. TA pool

With the second periodic report we have an update on how much TA money that has been used and how much is left for each partner, so that unused funds can be transferred to those stations in need of more days (due to higher demand). The stations have been informed about the budget transfers and formal letters from the coordinator have been sent regarding the budget transfers to make sure that there is a formal record of the transfer (as the transfers have not been included in an amendment yet).

5. INPA

The current focus for INPA is the upcoming General Assembly that will be held 10 May 2023, at Sauntehus in Denmark. Regarding the voting for Members of the Board, we will ask Caro to take care about this process so that Terry don't have to do it this year as well.

Regarding Arctic Passion, the equipment is on its way to the stations. Caro is currently preparing how to promote this both at INPA and Arctic Passion web sites.

The first eRImote expert group is initiated by Hannele and Vanessa and the first meeting will be held on the 3rd of May.

INPA is a partner in two infrastructure proposals submitted to the EU: POLARIN and AQUARIUS where INPA is offering INTERACCESS as a platform to handle Transnational Access from the Application to the Evaluation to the Reporting stage.

We are currently exploring ways to employ Vanessa in INPA, especially to work with eRImote which she is already involved in.

6. ASSW – conclusions

The book stand had a good location and Vanessa and Hannele handed out all the books and merchandises. The TA user group had good speakers and panel discussions regarding the future of transnational access. Vanessa is now compiling the notes and will cut separate short videos about the presentations and the panel discussions and put them on the INTERACT YouTube channel. This could also be used for eRImote.

There were ICARP IV meetings at the ASSW as well. Henry Burgess is keen on getting input from INTERACTers. Kirsi and Margareta are both involved in ICARP IV. Station Managers and TA users could join in and benefit from this process.

- Brainstorm in Buxton how INTERACT community can contribute to ICARP IV
- Brainstorm in Buxton about future large meetings and INTERACT presence, should we re-use the tent and have a new INTERACT basecamp at the next Arctic Circle?

7. New Observer Station – COAT Varanger

There is an application from a research station called COAT in northernmost Norway to become a new observer station in INTERACT. They fulfill the criteria for becoming an observer station and hence the DMG decided to welcome the COAT Varanger station in the network as a new Observer Station.

During discussions on including information from new observer stations on the INTERACT web site, it was concluded that it should now be possible to harvest data from INTERACT GIS to the website to ensure that station managers only have to enter data once.

- Katharina checks with Elmer/Giorgio how this works and implements it

8. Upcoming meetings

Arctic Circle – abstract deadline 1. May

- We will brainstorm about this at the next physical DMG meeting in Buxton, England.

9. INTERACT meetings

General Assembly

Katharina is in contact with Donie regarding the practical details. We will explore the possibilities to use the travel time in the bus on the way back to maybe brainstorm or catch up on specific topics and arrange small meetings.

DMG Buxton

As we will be a reduced crowd (as Morten, Kirsi and Hannele are not able to join), the meeting will be a hybrid-meeting to ensure participation from as many DMG members as possible.

- Katharina sends travel details to Elmer.

WP meeting

A WP meeting will be held on Zoom at 10.30 CET the 24th March. The main aim of the meeting is to present progress in WPs since last meeting (GA in September) and also to ensure synergies between the different WPs. An agenda will be sent out to all WP leaders and DMG members next week.

10. Any other issues

INTERACT/INPA

We had a meeting with Caro and proposed that INTERACT and INPA should have joint social media channels to promote INPA more. In the header of the different social media channels we should clarify that this is for both INTERACT and INPA. New content regarding the difference between INPA and INTERACT should be added. Keywords and hashtag should specify whether it is an INTERACT or INPA post.

- Katharina sets up a meeting for her, Caro and Vanessa regarding social media strategy

BBC films

Terry has received a rough cut for the first two films (disappearing homes and tourism). The other two will come in roughly two weeks. After this, a fine cut will be done and in a near future, the films will be out.

Northwards

We are now close to the final cut. The subtitles and the trailer are also almost ready. At the DMG meeting in Buxton we could have an internal premier.

GIS ownership

A process of transferring the ownership of INTERACT GIS from SLU to Umeå university is ongoing and Elmer will keep us posted on any progress.