

Minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

22 August 2023

1. INTERACT 2 Final Payment

We are working on making the last payments, however there are still some partners that need to return money and we cannot make the last payments until we have received the money from these partners. We hope to be able to close INTERACT II soon.

2. INTERACT 3 Second Periodic Report and Russian Termination Report

Regarding the Russian termination reports, EU needs bank statements of the payments made from the coordinator to the Russian partners before the Termination reports can be finalized. After we have submitted these and the termination reports are finished we can submit the second periodic report. We hope to be able to submit these bank statements within one week.

3. INTERACT 3 Amendment

We will submit an amendment for a one year prolongation of the project. Due to ongoing termination processes and the periodic report we have not been able to submit it yet. We are waiting for our scientific officer to get back to us and hope that we can submit ASAP as we need to know especially for TA if we get a prolongation or not.

4. INPA

So far, INPA have received almost 1 million euro in EU grants in four different projects. The INPA board meeting was held yesterday, on the 21st August, and the minutes will be available soon.

We want to launch a campaign on how to join INPA, present it in Toolik and follow up with emails. (It would be very interesting and useful to know why the stations are not joining). Luisella has an idea for a recruitment video.

Arctic Passion Update

All ten stations have received their equipment. At some stations, it is already up and running.

eRemote

Two meetings have already been held, and the next one is on the 27th September. The recommendations for quality insurance will be compiled. Vanessa will make interviews in Toolik regarding the surrounding local communities and challenges in research infrastructures.

5. INTERACT meetings

General Assembly

Deadline for registrations is extended until the 25th August. In terms of online participation, we will have a Zoom meeting going on and every evening after the meeting, the recording of the meeting will be posted. Katharina will keep an eye on the chat to see if anyone online has any questions. The work package leaders will have to present on odd times unfortunately.

Next DMG Meeting

26th September 13-15

- Katharina sends out invitation

6. External Meetings

Arctic Circle (Reykjavik, 19-21 October)

We are having a booth and we will bring a lot of things. Soon the time slots for our sessions will be announced. Luisella will also produce a rollup for Northwards.

Arctic Frontiers

This focus of next year's Arctic Frontiers is on Marine research. However, there is one session on the use of AI in Arctic research. Maggan has contacted Carl at AFRY to hear if he could be interested in presenting something on the topic.

ASSW/AOS (Edinburgh, March 2024)

We should apply for a booth. We would distribute INTERACT as well as INPA material.

Elmer and Efren are soon publishing a paper named *INTERACT with or without Russian stations*. And *The Rise and Fall of Science Diplomacy* is a paper by Margareta and Terry that will be submitted at the end of September. It could be interesting to have a session based on these themes at the ASSW.

- Elmer, Terry and Maggan will have a meeting on this
- Katharina will secure a booth

UArctic (29 May – 3 June 2024)

Abstract submission ends around Christmas 2023.

7. Open Access Government Article

There will be an issue in January on environment and polar matters and access to the polar regions, with editorials by EU climate and environmental persons. 250 000 people, whereof 50 000 research counselors are reached. Especially as INTERACT III is at its end we should promote ourselves for future possibilities. The banner that will be included will always be shown alongside polar articles whenever there is an article on polar matters. We will have access to the statistics on how many have read the article. We will also include something on virtual access.

8. Publication outreach – Zenodo

AWI is placing all their deliverables in the database Zenodo. Hannele walked us through why this database is interesting. We could also upload our best deliverables here (where the science is still accurate and the quality is high). But we will start with the publications.

- Katharina will take a look and upload publications (and also check if it is possible to upload material that already has a DOI number)

9. Meeting with Florent Bernard

We have got an opportunity to meet with Florent Bernard who is the Counsellor for Research and Innovation for the Delegation of the European Union to the United States. This meeting will be held on the 21st September 18-20 CEST. There is no EU call in the pipeline that “INTERACT IV” would fit for. But it is good to plan for the future. Is there any way to affect the person who actually makes decisions? It would be good to talk about how INTERACT has had influence on science diplomacy. There needs to be diversity and a bottom-up approach that larger institutes cannot really have. INTERACT has built a unique and wonderful network (that EU has invested 27 million euro into) so why should it end here? We need to find out how and why EU is thinking and acting the way they do. Meeting, lobbying, arranging events and meetings would be a strategy to secure the future of INTERACT. We know that we have connections in the North and that it should be the people who actually live there who would know what to do research on.

- Meeting preparation will be held before the annual meeting on the 6th September, 13.00 CEST. Bring Donie onboard (show her a draft in Alaska)

10. Misc

The ICARP survey is out right now. Deadline is the 31st August.

- Katharina sends out reminder 28th

We still miss information about three new observer stations.

- Katharina sends reminder to 2 Canadian stations+ Lammi to please register in INTERACT GIS.