

Minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

26 September 2023

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1. INTERACT 2 Final Payment

There are still three partners who haven't paid yet, and three who need to get paid but we are working on it so that we can hopefully close this project soon.

2. INTERACT 3 Second Periodic Report and Russian Termination Report

We submitted the report on the 13th Sept, and haven't heard back from EU yet. When this has been approved, also NESS can be terminated from the project.

3. INTERACT 3 Amendment

We submitted the amendment this very morning. We have prolonged work packages 1-3; 5 (taking the survey to Antarctica); 8 (Simon expressed that it would be nice to implement the monitoring in the field). 10, 11 will also be continued. WP 4, 9, 6, and 7 will be finished. Educational material can still be continued within WP 1.

Budget changes have been made in the TA pool, and also transfers from Oulu to 4PM as Vanessa was hired through 4PM instead of University of Oulu. When we get the go ahead from Pierre, we will report from all partners how much they have spent (until 31st December). That gives us an overview so that we can make TA pool transfers according to needs. We are hoping for a swift process. We need to get our TA call out, preferably opening 15 Oct, closing end of November. Hannele has already asked the station managers if they can provide TA next year given that we get the prolongation.

- Margareta will send Hannele a formal letter regarding the budget transfers made from University of Oulu.

4. INPA

Caro is back from her maternity leave, catching up on Arctic Passion etc. eRemote will soon have its expert group meeting. AQUARIUS and POLARIN will start 1st March next year (and the development of INTERACCESS for them has already started).

A campaign to attract new members to INPA will start up after we are back from Arctic Circle in Iceland. The same counts for the fundraising focus group.

5. Northwards Premiere

The international premiere will happen in Rome, Italy on the 13th October, and the Italian premiere will be in Orvieto on the 14th October. Luisella has managed to find a place to show it in Rome on the 13th. Now Vanessa and Luisella are putting together a list of people to invite.

- Terry will help writing invitation letters
- Katharina will help sending them out

6. INTERACT meetings

General Assembly

The General Assembly was a very good meeting. Everything went extremely smooth despite the long and muddy way to the research station. Everything was extremely well planned and a big thanks to Donie and her crew at the station for making it so easy for all of us to enjoy the Toolik Lake research station.

Next DMG Meeting

We will meet in Reykjavik Friday 10.00 in the booth to decide for a meeting time.

- Katharina sends out a reminder to everyone

7. External Meetings

Arctic Circle (Reykjavik, 19-21 October)

The premiere of the BBC movies will be held 20.00 on Friday 20th October. Frederik Paulsen has been a great support to our event by both sponsoring the reception and also by offering to show a trailer of the BBC movies at his reception (FP award ceremony). We are aiming for a 2 min trailer. The Arctic research priorities session will be held on Saturday the 21st.

- Katharina will order finger food + prosecco for 50 people
- Terry, Luisella and Katharina will work on a 2 min trailer
- Katharina will send compilation of replies to ICARP survey to Elmer

Arctic Frontiers

Carl, Maria, Tomas and Margareta have written an abstract on AI work carried out in INTERACT. At Arctic Frontiers there will be an AI session, and Carl has been asked to go and do the presentation in Tromsø. All the other sessions are marine, so this was the only part that would be relevant for INTERACT. We will not have a booth there this year.

ASSW/AOS (Edinburgh, March 2024)

Application deadline is on the 30th September for sessions, workshops etc. We will try to apply with an abstract, and we could also organize something at the booth. Themes for this meeting would be science diplomacy. Katharina is still waiting for a reply regarding the possibility to have a booth at the meeting.

- Elmer and Terry will work on the session abstract to submit it on time

Greenland Science week 6-13 November

Starting earlier (3-4 November) in Sisimiut. Elmer will attend this meeting.

Symposium on Plastics in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic Region in Iceland 22-23 November

Elmer and Morten will be going.

8. Meeting with Bernard Florent

The meeting had to be cancelled due to illness, and now we need to reschedule.

- Margareta will get back to Katharina with dates and then a new doodle poll can be sent out.

9. Misc

Annele has been working on the INTERACT machine learning algorithm with Inkode for the Data Portal. We haven't been able to train the IMLA and implement it. Now we would need one big round of manual tagging. Would it be possible to ask AFRY to train IMLA? If possible, we just need to find out how much resources they would need for this. Even though their work package already officially has ended, it would still be possible to work together on this.

We are missing some publications that have come out from TA. It would be a great feature to find out how many papers that have come out based on TA. This is an important number that can also be used to promote INTERACT and TA. Orchid ID could be used to track down their publications. Scites is able to extract parts of the publications (i.e. keyword: INTERACT) and then show what station that was used. We will talk more about this after Arctic Circle.