

## Minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

31 October 2023

Attendees: Elmer Topp-Jørgensen, Morten Rasch, Kirsi Latola, Hannele Savela, Luisella Bianco, Terry Callaghan, Margareta Johansson, Katharina Beckmann

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### INTERACT 2 Final Payment

All payments to partners have been made. We are still waiting for two partners that need to return money to the coordinator.

### INTERACT 3 Second Periodic Report

The report was resubmitted on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October with minor changes in financial statements from a couple of partners.

### INTERACT 3 Amendment

Our project officer is working on the amendment where we request a one-year extension. We are awaiting an official reply to be sure that we can launch the TA call for summer 2024. Hannele has already contacted all station managers to alert them on the possible TA call to ensure the stations can accommodate scientists also in 2024. In addition, discussions were held on what more could be done to prepare for a possible one-year extension.

- Margareta will write an official letter to the DMG group regarding possible redistribution of the budget between partners to ensure that the DMG group can work also during the last year of the project if we receive a prolongation.
- Luisella will compile financial information from the DMG partners so that we get an overview of how much has been spent and what is available for the last year's activities.

### INPA

We have signed contracts for POLARIN and Aquarius, both starting 1 March, 2024. Caro is back from her maternity leave, she is currently working on a newsletter for INPA that will be sent out in the beginning of next week.

Next board meeting will be in the beginning of December (sometime between 4-7 December). Katharina and Vanessa are working on the web site, and the plan is to launch it at the end of this year.

INPA Action Groups are active in INPA and many of the groups have started their work and held meetings. The Fundraising Action Group has not met yet but will meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 13.00 CET.

How will the observer stations continue in INPA? We could automatically transfer them to INPA when INTERACT ends (and giving them the option to stay, leave or upgrade to be paying member in INPA with a voting right and right to access the funds).

## Future funding of INTERACT GIS

INPA could take over the management of INTERACT GIS (and if INTERACT is prolonged for a year, then INTERACT could pay that year as well). INTERACT is sharing the system with SITES and the DMG suggested that future financing should be made per project that use of the system (i.e. divided in between SITES and INTERACT/INPA).

It was suggested to add a criterion to the existing ones to become an Observer Station to ensure that new stations enter their data into the INTERACT GIS system.

- Katharina will send Margareta the latest emails sent to the new stations that have not yet registered. Margareta will then send a letter to encourage them to register in INTERACT GIS.

## Northwards Premiere

Luisella did an amazing job organizing the two premieres in Rome and Orvieto. As there were mainly Italians in the audience, we showed the series in Italian with English subtitles at the international premiere in Rome. The audience was very enthusiastic and engaged at both places. Now the series is out on YouTube. The Italian press has been in contact and has been doing features about the series (national radio, TV, several newspapers and also web magazines, TV online and social media; see below).



*Northwards has been covered extensively by the Italian press. INTERACT has featured in national radio, TV, several newspapers and also web magazines, TV online and social media.*

Luisella will cut a shorter version of Northwards to participate in a couple of film festivals. We should explore if we could have a screening of Northwards at some kind of environmental meeting in Sweden. 5<sup>th</sup> June World Environment Day could be a start. Maybe we could get help from the Crown princess, but we need to notify her in time.

## The Changing Arctic Premiere

We had the premiere at Arctic Circle in a room with >50 people. The audience had a lot of questions afterwards, and new collaborations were made. One of the participants in the movies was even present in the audience and was able to answer questions afterwards. The premiere attracted a lot of attention. Being our first venture in this area, it has been a success.

Northwards is the first, BBC is the second, and now we are working on the third part of a trilogy. The idea of the films is to engage, inform and provoke. The new INPA website will also incorporate this way of thinking.

## INTERACT meetings

### Next DMG Meeting

22 November, Zoom, 12.00-14.00 CET

- Katharina sends out link and invitation

## 9. External Meetings

### Arctic Circle

Lessons learned from Arctic Circle is that it would be good to have a map with dots on e.g. on a roll-up to show that we are a network of research stations. We should hence update our rollups for future meetings.

### Arctic Frontiers

Margareta and AFRY have submitted an abstract for an AI session and is waiting for a response from the organising committee.

### ASSW/AOS

INTERACT has submitted a proposal for a session that will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 16:00-17:30 UK time. Elmer kindly submitted the proposal but will not be able to join the meeting. Margareta and Terry will make the presentations and if possible, Efren will present the outcomes of his paper.

It was suggested that we should try to show both Northwards and the BBC films at the ASSW, both at the booth and perhaps also in an evening if possible.

- Katharina checks possibility for screening at ASSW (evening, science day.) and also renting a monitor

## Meeting with Bernard Florent

Katharina has sent out a reminder and it was decided that the meeting should be held 15 November 18-20 CET. As we have already had a special DMG to discuss what to present at the meeting we will simply follow that plan.

- Katharina sends out a Zoom invitation to all the participants
- Margareta prepares the INTERACT presentation

## 11. Misc.

There will be more EU infrastructure calls in the future, but we don't know the topics. Hopefully our INTERACT films can help us promote the network. Whenever there is a suitable meeting in Brussels, we should try to be present. Vanessa is going to the Arctic Future Symposium at the end of November.