

Minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

12 December 2023

Attendees: Elmer Topp-Jørgensen, Terry Callaghan, Margareta Johansson, Katharina Beckmann

INTERACT 3 Second Periodic Report

Submission of report and payments

We have been asked to resubmit our 2nd periodic report in mid-January as we have had Russian partners involved in this reporting period and this needs to be processed manually from the EU side.

The payment will follow after the approval of the report and Lund University will receive money for all partners apart from the Russian.

Luisella is currently preparing an overview of the overall budget and has prepared a list of partners and their expenditure and how much they have received. We will await the results from the cumulative report before the payments can be handled.

Review report

The report was overall very positive and we are very happy with it. There are some recommendations for the coming reporting periods and these will be discussed in detail at the next DMG meeting.

Cumulative report

When and how

As a result of the prolongation of the project, we need to submit a cumulative expense report for all partners by the end of the year. Katharina will send out personalized reminders to the remaining partners to ensure we receive the numbers before Friday 15th December.

INPA

New application possibility

Elmer is working on a call on co-production of knowledge together with the coastal expert group of CBMP. The current consortium has bumped into some problems of getting some crucial partners involved but the idea is to use the INTERACT stations as focal points for co-production of knowledge and feed that back into Arctic Council working groups Assessments. Deadline for the proposal is the 22nd February 2024.

INTERACT future in addition to INPA

Letter to national contact points

We discussed the importance of lobbying for INTERACT also in future EU calls. One suggestion was to write a draft letter that can be used by INTERACT members to contact their EU national contact points. Morten has written a draft letter that has been circulated which will be discussed in the coming months.

Increased collaboration with UArctic

UArctic has been very successful in raising money to their activities and we should brainstorm on how we could increase our collaboration with them and also how we can learn from their work.

Collaboration with Arctic Council

The Arctic Council Secretariat reached out to us to ask about the production of the films, both Northwards and the collaboration with BBC Natural History Unit. Luisella and Margareta met with staff from the Arctic Council Secretariat where we discussed the production of the movies and Luisella offered our service and experience through INPA.

At the same meeting, we asked the Arctic Council Secretariat how INPA can become an Accredited Observer to the Arctic Council. At the moment, the work in Arctic Council is on hold due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, but in the future, we should think about that an accredited observer need to contribute to the Arctic Council working groups and do work that benefit Indigenous Peoples.

INTERACT meetings

General Assembly 5-7 November

We have decided to hold the final general assembly in INTERACTIII on the 5-7 November and a “save the date” email has been sent out. We have suggested to hold the meeting at the Abisko station, but it might be a problem if we become more than 60 participants. Anyhow, we have applied to the Abisko station and will know more about a possible venue in the beginning of February.

Next DMG Meeting

Katharina sends out a doodle poll regarding the 15th, 16, 17, 18, 19 (10-12 & 13-15) January.

External Meetings

Arctic Frontiers

Margareta will attend the meeting and talk about AI and Machine learning.

INTERACT movie night at Kiruna Snow festival



INTERACT has through Niklas Labba, organized a movie night at the Kiruna Snow festival together with Kiruna Lappland. After the movies a panel debate with representatives from the Saami reindeer herders, the local tourist operators, the mining company LKAB and the Kiruna municipality will be hold. Margareta will act as the moderator of the event and Terry will introduce the movies online.

ASSW/AOS

23rd of March 16-17.30 INTERACT hosts a session on Science Diplomacy. We will decide in more the exact content of the session as well as who will be at site when at the next DMG meeting.