

# Minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

18 March 2024

Attendees: Elmer Topp-Jørgensen, Margareta Johansson, Hannele Savela, Luisella Bianco.

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## Payment second periodic report

The payments from the second reporting period have been transferred to the coordinator and all payments have been made to partners that do not provide TA. Payments to partners with TA will be made as soon as the TA decisions have been made in INTERACCESS, most likely in the end of March/beginning of April.

## Update on TA decisions

Hannele provided an update on the status of the TA decisions made by the station managers in INTERACCESS based on the evaluation of the TA Board. So far, 1540 days of access and in total ca 450 000 EUR (travel and logistic) have been granted. However, there are still 8 more stations that have not reported their access decision in INTERACCESS. With these additional stations we expect the granted number of days to be ca 1800 and the total cost for travel and logistic to be between 600 000 and 700 000 EUR.

- Hannele will send reminders to the remaining 8 partners that have not yet entered their decisions in INTERACCESS
- Maggan will follow up with a second reminder if needed on Thursday

## Outstanding questions about budget for 2024

No outstanding questions were raised about the budget for 2024. We will revisit the budget after the summer when we have a better overview of the exact amount that has been spent for each of the funded TA projects.

## INPA

### *INPA Board meeting*

The INPA Board meeting will be held 8 April 4-6PM CEST. The main focus of the Board meeting will be the approval of the annual accounts from last year and the planning of the upcoming general assembly.

### *Upcoming General Assembly*

INPA General Assembly will be held on the 28-30 May 2024 at the Gästgivarergården in Höör (<https://hoorsgastis.se/>), Sweden. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting. During the meeting, a new Board will be elected, the annual accounts from last year will be presented, progress in the action groups and the contractual projects will be presented, ways forward and a budget for 2024/25 will be discussed and developed.

### *Web site & newsletter*

The new INPA web site is ready to be launched and the transfer from the old web site to the new web site has been initiated. The process can take everything from 72 hours to 15 days. When the web site is live, we should have a campaign. Caro has prepared an INPA newsletter and it will be sent as soon as the new web site is launched.

- Katharina keeps track of when the new web site is launched and will discuss a social media campaign with Vanessa.

### *New proposals*

For the application that was submitted to Nordforsk regarding an international alignment workshop for co-production of knowledge, we expect to hear back from them in June.

Caro produced a template for action groups that was sent around where the action groups could identify a task and the required funding needs. These should be used so that the right funding sources can be identified to the right tasks.

A possible future funding opportunity is the EU COST calls. INPA staff and DMG members will attend the upcoming seminars about these calls.

NordForsk has launched a new call "Sustainable Development of the Arctic: Call for pre-proposals call". The Nordic countries have teamed up with Canada and the USA to launch a NordForsk call on the sustainable development of the Arctic. The call is two-stage, and the deadline for pre-proposals is 4 June 2024. (<https://www.nordforsk.org/sv/calls/sustainable-development-arctic-call-pre-proposals>). Even though the INPA staff is under huge pressure we decided to look at what was required and see if it is possible to compose an application for the first stage in 4 June.

- Elmer will check what is required to apply for the new NordForsk call

## External Meetings

### *ASSW/AOS, Edinburgh UK, 21-29 March 2024*

INTERACT has a session "How well do we understand change throughout the Arctic and what impact is the war in Ukraine having on this?" on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of March 16:00-17:30. All presenters have confirmed and the format of the session has been agreed on. In addition to the session, INTERACT will have a booth during the whole period.

- Elmer and Maggan will meet to discuss the questions for the discussions following the presentations at the INTERACT Session.

*The Arctic Circle Berlin Forum - The Arctic at Crossroads Science - Climate - Policy – Europe, 7-8 May 2024*

Maggan was invited to give a talk on INTERACT in the proposed session “Minimising the environmental impact of Arctic research and logistics”. The session has however not been approved as there were so many session proposals. It is currently put on hold and the final result will come in the coming weeks. Maggan will only attend if the session is approved.

*Arctic Congress Bodø 2024, 29 May – 3 June 2024*

Elmer has submitted an abstract and Kirsi has agreed to give the talk in Bodø.

*2024 European Polar Science Week, Copenhagen 3-6 September 2024*

Maggan and Terry have submitted a session proposal to the key topic: “6. Polar observations, models and data” named “Feet on the ground – the importance of understanding ground observations”. They will report to the DMG as soon as they hear anything from the organisers about the outcome of the proposal.

*Arctic Circle, Reykjavik 17-19 October*

As session proposal deadline is 1 May we will get back to this in the coming DMG meetings.

## INTERACT meetings

*General Assembly 5-7 November*

Our final annual meeting within INTERACT III will be held in the south of Sweden, within convenient reach from Copenhagen Airport. We will organise a bus that brings us from the airport to the venue, which is a cozy hotel by the sea, Smygehus Havsbad (<https://smygehushavsbad.se/>). The preliminary agenda looks like:

- 4 November Arrival Day
- 5-6 November Station Managers' Forum
- 7 November General Assembly
- 8 November Return

Information has been sent to all partners together with a registration link. The deadline to register is 1 October.

*Upcoming DMG Meetings*

Next meeting is on the 15 April 10-12 CEST.

- Katharina will send out invitations



## Misc.

### *INTERACT GIS climate data*

A new feature has been launched in INTERACT GIS. Climate data is presented in climate diagrams. The next step is to ensure that they will be updated automatically every month.