

# Minutes

Daily Management Group Meeting

18 June 2024

Attendees: Kirsi Latola, Margareta Johansson, Hannele Savela, Luisella Bianco, Elmer Topp Jørgensen

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## 1. Update on NordForsk application (Elmer)

The proposal was submitted on time thanks to the fantastic work done by Vanessa, Morten and Elmer. There were some last minute decisions that needed to be taken;

1) there is no member from the US in the consortium as the topic of the proposal did not match any of the topics of the NSF funding units. Toolik Field Station hence ended up as a contributing station which means we have money in INPA that can cover travel costs to attend meetings. The same is applied for partners in Poland with stations on Svalbard. Between 8 and 10 Indigenous Peoples representatives are so far included in the proposal.

2) INPA is not part of the partners as it did not fit the description of partner in the call (not clear that INPA is a research institution/organization). However, INPA's budget was allocated to University of Copenhagen who could subcontract INPA to do the work. To avoid similar problems (with not clearly being a research institution/organization) in the future, we should think about this next time we will change the statutes and ensure to include "research" somehow in our name.

- Include the name "research" in INPA name when the statutes will be altered.

## 2. Update from Arctic Congress Bodø 2024, 29 May – 3 June 2024

Kirsi presented INTERACT at the session "*Hubs and networks in the Arctic, connecting locally, governing globally*". All presenters gave short presentations which allowed great discussions on collaboration, how we could influence the policy makers, how we could influence the general public where INTERACT could give the example with Northwards being presented on RAI.

## 3. INPA

- *Update from General Assembly*

INPA held its General Assembly in Höör 28-30 of May. The meeting was very successful. The meeting was extended from last year to be a two day meeting which proved needed as the two days passed by very quickly. All action groups presented results and ways forward and members contributed in an excellent way and volunteered to join in groups and take on new tasks which is very positive for the future development of INPA. The action groups are currently putting together project suggestions to be ready for future funding opportunities. These should be presented at the next board meeting where the board members can then contribute with their experience how to best get funding for different projects. Next INPA Board meeting should take place at the end of August.

- Maggan to send out a doodle poll to INPA Board members to find a suitable date for next Board meeting.

#### 4. Upcoming External Meetings

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

We were asked to merge our session with SAON and it turned out that almost all speakers from the SAON session had to cancel so in the end it was a very smooth process to merge our two sessions and all original INTERACT speakers remained in the programme.

- *Arctic Circle, Reykjavik 17-19 October 2024*

A session proposal was submitted regarding the legacy of INTERACT. We have still not heard anything from the organisers regarding if it was accepted or not, but Maggan will get back to everyone when she gets a notice. We should use the booth to promote INPA and present the different INPA project ideas (with qr codes how to donate and contribute).

- *Arctic Science Summit Week, Boulder, 21-28 March 2025*

Hannele and Anastasia have submitted a session proposal that will present how INTERACT transnational access project have contributed to the ICARP process. Anastasia has been analyzing all the INTERACT TA projects and categorized them under the ICARP III priorities. The results will be presented in Boulder next year.

The INPA educational action group has also submitted a shared session with Polar Educators.

- *EU Polarnet final townhall meeting, Brussels, 19 November 2024*

For info, Kirsi informed that EU PolarNet will have its final meeting at the Norwegian House in Brussels on the 19th of November. Some EU polar cluster projects might be invited, so if possible save the date just in case.

- *INPA meeting for fundraising in Brussels, back to back with Arctic Future Symposium 2-3 December 2024*

INPA will arrange a fundraising meeting in Brussels back to back with Arctic Future Symposium which will take place 2-3 of December. We will provide further information at the next DMG meeting when we have heard more from Vanessa who is organizing this event in Brussels.

#### 5. INTERACT meetings

- *General Assembly 5-7 November*

No new updates, Katharina will send out reminder about registration once she is back from vacation.

- *Upcoming DMG Meeting*

Our next DMG meeting will be held on the 27th of August at 10:30-12:00. Katharina will send out an invitation.