

ARCTOS Secretariat meeting 14/06-2019 minutes

Present: Jørgen Berge, Rolf Gradinger, Paul Renaud, Janne Søreide (video), Erin Kunisch, Ulrike Grote (minutes)

Agenda:

- 1) ARCTOS/AeN cruise update
- 2) Accounting 2018 and budget 2019 update (attached)
- 3) Post-docs and members update
- 4) Upcoming meetings / new dates for Sec meeting in autumn (see attachment)
- 5) AOB

1) ARCTOS/AeN cruise update

JB will submit the cruise time application (due August 23). The Secretariat agrees that the cruise will officially be the BIO-8510 (ARCTOS marine ecological research cruise Spitsbergen and Barents Sea, 3 ECTS) and not a course run by UNIS. Focus will be on technology and a high resolution study of the southern polar front as the unifying theme.

2) Accounting 2018 and budget 2019 update

With the currently planned activities for 2019 ARCTOS will have an approximate surplus of 650k in 2020. The Secretariat agrees to allocate additional 100k to the 240k budget of the PhD workshop during Arctic Frontiers 2020, but voices concerns about the high costs in previous years and low attendance of ARCTOS students.

The largest post for 2020 will be the research cruise BIO-8510, but so far it is too early to make specific numbers. The Secretariat agrees on a maximum amount of 300k.

3) Post-docs and members update

UG gave a short update about the post-docs and members. UG and EL had a meeting after the last Secretariat meeting 21/5-19, where they agreed that UG will contact all post-docs and ask for info about the length of their contract, mentor yes/no/who, need help with mentor, interested in kick-off meeting week 41 or 42.

In total ARCTOS has currently 16 post-docs (14 full members, 2 associated (Jordan, Marc)). 11 have responded. 3 have a mentor, 2 asked for help, 1 will have finished soon, 1 not interested, 2 soon on maternity leave. Only 4 are interested in the kick-off meeting.

UG also send out a reminder of the request to all members if they want to continue their membership. After that 4 have ended their membership and ARCTOS has currently 70 members (waiting for 8 to respond). APN 16, UiT 26, UNIS 3, NPI 13, HI 8, Nord 5.

The Secretariat agrees that UG and EL will make an agenda for the autumn meeting. Associated members are generally not funded but it is possible for the Secretariat to decide case-to-case.

4) Upcoming meetings / new dates for Sec meeting in autumn (see attachment)

ARCTOS PhD student Siri Ofstad has sent in a proposal for an ARCTOS colloquium in September 2019, with focus on ocean acidification and approximately five speakers (one invited from the British Antarctic Survey). The approximate budget is 13350,- NOK. The Secretariat agreed to fund the colloquium.

Upcoming ARCTOS Secretariat meetings autumn 2019:

28/8-2019, 13:00

23/9-2019, 12:00

25/10-2019, 9:00

12/12-2019, 9:00 at Skansen with Christmas lunch afterwards

5) AOB

none