

ARCTOS Secretariat meeting 23/09-2019 minutes

Present: Jørgen Berge, Rolf Gradinger, Paul Renaud (video), Janne Søreide (video), Kjetil Sagerup, Erin Kunisch, Estelle Coguiec, Elina Halttunen (for point 1)), Ulrike Grote (minutes)

Agenda:

- 1) AMB and ARCTOS
- 2) Action plan (post-docs, Fram Forum, ARCTOS Days, annual reports)
- 3) Member applications:
 - Benjamin Lange (Post-doc, NPI)
 - Robynne Nowicki (PhD, UNIS)
 - Yasemin Bodur (PhD, UiT)
 - Karley Campbell (Ass. Professor, UiT (from Nov. 2019))
 - Cheshtaa Chitkara (PhD, UNIS)
- 4) Upcoming meetings and events
- 5) AOB

1) AMB and ARCTOS

The new institute leader Elina Halttunen joined the meeting for this part. JB gave a short overview about what ARCTOS is:

- Project at UiT/AMB
- 6 member institutions (APN, IMR, Nord, NPI, UiT, UNIS)
- funding for student support network from UiT (level 1) 250k per year
- funding for secretary from all 6 institutions (level 1) 50k per year
- funding for PhD workshop in conjunction with Arctic Frontiers from 4 educational inst. 30k per year
- Action plan and other important documents will be send to Elina
- Main focus on student support (including Master students, PhD candidates, and post-docs)
- ARCTOS is a cross-institutional meeting arena very open for research initiatives (funding of workshops available, e.g. Freshwater influenced (sub)Arctic fjord systems 12-13/11

EH was very positive about the network and its focus. She would like to support it by, e.g. advocating it across institutes and institutions, highlighting it as a valuable asset of AMB when hiring new staff, and if possible, support specific ARCTOS courses, such as BIO-8510 Research cruise to Spitsbergen planned for spring 2020.

2) Action plan (post-docs, Fram Forum, ARCTOS Days, annual reports)

Post-docs: UG gave a short summary of the post-doc network status. EL and UG will organize an informal meeting in the end of October to discuss how post-docs would like to organize themselves within ARCTOS (Secretariat representatives?) and possible activities for ARCTOS Days.

Fram Forum: JB will talk to Helge Markussen about writing a newsletter article about ARCTOS and the importance of networking and cooperation in research. The article could then (also) be published in Fram Forum. The deadline for submitting a tentative title and short summary of the planned article is 30/9.

ARCTOS Days: Currently the dates for ARCTOS Days are March 8-11. Arven etter Nansen will be on a cruise with KPH March 3-27 and UG will therefore send out a doodle how many people are able to

attend on the planned or alternative dates (late February or early April). At the Sec meeting 11/4-2019 RG suggested to have a specific topic for ARCTOS Days 2020, such as writing a publication/review to increase the focus on research and proposals. Possible topics/tasks/groups could be identified at the Christmas lunch.

Annual reports: The Secretariat agreed to focus on the annual report for 2019 and not preparing a full report for 2018. UG has sent out an E-Mail to the Secretariat last week, asking all institutional representatives to select 2-3 papers or compendia produced during (now only) 2019, involving at least 2 ARCTOS institutions and to write a short summary about them, including their value for science/managers/industry and for the home institutions. ARCTOS does not have to be mentioned in the acknowledgements. UG will prepare a publication list for 2019 and check if ARCTOS can be listed/included in Cristin, so making annual publication lists becomes easier.

3) Member applications

All applications were approved.

4) Upcoming meetings and events

- 14-18/10 ArcticSIZE, Chase, ABC project meetings
- 30/10 ARCTOS Colloquium 'ocean acidification' organized by Siri Ofstad, invited speaker Victoria Peck
- 5-6/11 Svalbard Science Conference Oslo (UG will send out an email to members to find out who will attend and if somebody can take the ARCTOS poster and/or write for ARCTOS news)
- 12-13/11 ARCTOS Workshop 'Freshwater influenced sub-Arctic and Arctic marine systems – biogeochemistry and marine food webs'

5) AOB

The ARCTOS Christmas lunch is currently planned for 12/12. Probably quite many ARCTOS members will be on a cruise with KPH (28/11-17/12). UG will send out a doodle to see how many can attend 12/12 and if other dates may be more convenient.