

# ARCTOS Secretariat meeting 03.02.2022 minutes

**Present:** Rolf Gradinger, Philipp Assmy, Janne Søreide, Sünnje Basedow, Libby Jones, Kjetil Sagerup, Eva Leu, Paul Renaud, Terri Souster, Igor Eulaers, Martí A. Arumí, Eric Jorda-Molina, Ulrike Grote (minutes)

## **Agenda:**

1. ARCTOS Days
2. BIO-8510 – ARCTOS cruise
3. Mentoring program
4. AOB

### **1) ARCTOS Days**

After most of the COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted by the Norwegian Government Feb 1, UiT followed on Feb 2 and it is now possible for us to organize ARCTOS Days in person on Sommarøy.

Ulrike sent out the registration form in mid-December and the deadline to sign up is Feb 11.

For the all-members days March 15-16, the Secretariat agrees to keep most of the elements of the program made already in November, such as the 1-slide presentations, poster session, student and member presentations, and new projects.

The students and post-docs have started to make their respective programs with some activities planned together. One suggested common activity is an illustration workshop given by Pina Kingman with focus on e.g., preparing a graphical abstract or illustrational work connected to PhD projects. While the Secretariat was positive towards funding such an activity there were a few concerns:

- how much the course holder can commit if she is having an online course simultaneously
- how much students and post-docs can get out of 2 hours
- how this relates to the money ARCTOS would have to spend for this (travel, accommodation, transportation)

Another common activity for PhD candidates and post-docs is a potential mentoring program. Post-docs can already contact ARCTOS senior members and ask them to be their mentors. This new initiative would aim at post-docs mentoring PhD candidates and will be discussed in more detail during ARCTOS Days. This should also be part of the all-members program.

## **Actions:**

Ulrike will send out a reminder to sign up for ARCTOS Days and contact those who have signed up for potential presentations.

Eric/Martí will contact Pina Kingman and try to address the concerns the Secretariat has with the planned workshop. It would also be good to know if there is a certain limit to the number of participants and when she would need a confirmation.

### **2) BIO-8510 – ARCTOS cruise**

Four students have applied to the cruise, all from UiT. Two are/will be ARCTOS members by the time of the cruise. All four are accepted.

**Actions:**

Ulrike will contact Ingjerd Nilsen and confirm all four students. Ulrike will contact all four students and tell them that they will receive further information closer to the cruise.

**3) Mentoring program**

See 1) ARCTOS Days

**4) AOB**

At the next meeting (date tbd!) we should discuss the financial future of the PhD support network (former PhD school) and for example potential funding sources.