

## ARCTOS Secretariat meeting 15.06.2022 minutes

Present: Rolf Gradinger, Eva Leu, Paul Renaud, Philipp Assmy, Libby Jones, Courtney Waugh, Janne Søreide, Terri Souster, Igor Eulaers, Christine Gawinski, Ulrike Grote

### **Agenda:**

- 1) ARCTOS proposal to NFR (<https://www.forskningsradet.no/utlysninger/2020/stotte-til-etablering-og-drift-av-nasjonale-og-internasjonale-nettverk/#sub72416>)
- 2) Next meeting date
- 3) AOB

We started the meeting with a round of introductions as it was Courtney's first Secretariat meeting. Welcome!

Under AOB, the post-doc representatives wanted to give a short update about past and planned activities

### **1) ARCTOS proposal to NFR**

After the NFR budget crisis some calls were closed, such as the one ARCTOS wanted to apply to, but now this call has been re-opened. Eva contacted NFR and received a confirmation.

To our knowledge nobody has applied to this call yet and based on the feedback Eva received, we can expect to get support for the existing network and do not need to come up with an entirely new concept.

As the starting point a working group was established which will work with the proposal, consisting of Rolf, Paul, Eva, Terri, Igor, Christine/Muriel, Libby, and Ulrike. The input and active contribution by young researchers is of very high importance.

All Secretariat members should send their suggestions for actions to be included in the proposal to this working group by latest Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am CET. Member institution representatives should try to include their institutions perspectives.

Actions already mentioned:

- link to management
- serving as a hub to connect to other international networks/organizations (e.g., ASP)
- facilitating links to non-academic employers
- project acceleration events
- diversify/push forward career development
- internships

Time frame:

- collect ideas by latest June 20<sup>th</sup>
- working group meets week 25
- prepare first draft over the summer holidays/beginning of August
- submit mid/end of August

**Actions:**

All Secretariat members should make suggestions for actions they would like to see in ARCTOS. It is not necessary to reality-check those actions yet. Send to proposal working group by latest June 20<sup>th</sup> 8am.

**2) Next meeting date**

The next Secretariat meeting will take place Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:30 CET.

**3) AOB**Post-doc and PhD student update

The post-doc representatives are pushing forward to get the mentorship program established. As it is difficult to establish mentorship relationships between post-docs and PhDs, they decided to organize a workshop focusing on academic CVs and job opportunities, combined with a social get-together afterwards on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The workshop and social get-together were well attended, and more workshops are planned for autumn.

From August the post-doc representatives will organize monthly meetings with 2-3 invited ARCTOS senior members to talk about challenges in their career development. For the first meeting, Sophie, Mikko, and Markus will attend.

We touched quickly upon the lack of activities within ARCTOS during the last months and that this has implications for the visibility and attractiveness of the network. Also new promotional material is needed but partly depends on funding available.

One last point was how post-docs could get 'credits' for their mentoring and organizing activities and the Secretariat decided that the post-docs should keep a log and can then ask the ARCTOS leadership for a letter of confirmation when needed.