

ARCTOS Secretariat Meeting 20.08.2024 minutes

Present: Sünnje Basedow, Eva Leu, Nicolas Gosset, Zoe Koenig, Sanna Majaneva, Arunima Sen, Giulia Castellani, Elisabeth Jones, Henning Reiss, Philipp Assmy, Igor Eulaers, Angelika Renner, Anna Miettinen (minutes)

Agenda

- 1) ARCTOS leadership updates (Sünnje)
- 2) ARCTOS Days dates
- 3) Annual report
- 4) ARCTOS seminars
- 5) New member application: Marta Prieto
- 6) Work-life balance of students (Igor)
- 7) Post-doc representatives
- 8) AOB

1) ARCTOS Leadership updates

To finalize the leadership change, Rolf and Sünnje are going to have a meeting, including a discussion about the budget. Finding a replacement for Sünnje as the UiT representative (with Karley) is still in progress.

2) ARCTOS Days dates

Leadership met earlier and suggested ARCTOS Days to be moved to February (either 9-12 Feb or (16)17-20 Feb 2025, depending on the availability of Sommarøy). Previously it was decided to be held in November 2024 but due to multiple overlapping events during the same (prebooked) week, the Secretariat decided it was better to find a time after the network has had time to gain more activity and momentum. People who work in the Southern Ocean might have an overlap, something to keep in mind for these dates. **Anna** will cancel the current booking, contact Sommarøy about their availability and thereafter send a doodle to the entire network to see which dates work better.

3) Annual report

UNIS is still missing publication highlights, **Arunima** will send soon. Picture for the last page of the report is missing, pictures were requested from the Secretariat. Authorships for each section were suggested to be removed. To have a uniform report, each institute can have four publications in the highlight. **Anna** will check which institutes have too many and too little and send requests for updated publication lists. **Zoe** will finalize her highlight and

ask for a white/light colored version of the NPI logo to not have to highlight the background of institution logos on the cover page. It will be added to the report that ARCTOS is no longer present on Twitter/X. **Anna** will aim to finalize the report and circulate it among the Secretariat for comments at the end of this week (34) or early next week.

4) **ARCTOS Seminars**

As ARCTOS has had a slow phase within the last months, it is important to start up different activities again, such as the seminars/colloquia. There have been some previous discussions about which the themes should be. One suggestion was sea ice, where e.g. **Giulia** and **Karley** could participate. While the seminar topics were partly agreed to keep mostly relevant for the network members, **Nico** and **Igor** were interested in arranging an AI-related talk/workshop for the next ARCTOS Days. **Anna** will create an updated list of current students and update information of which presentations they have yet to complete.

5) **New member application: Marta Prieto, PhD student, UiT**

Member application was accepted.

6) **Work-life balance of students (related to ARCTOS Days)**

In the previous years it has been a tradition of having the ECR days start on Sunday afternoon, mostly for socializing purposes amongst the ECRs. The concern of ECRs' work-life balance was brought up, being mindful of the expectation to work evenings and weekends. Some thought that it can be okay for the purpose of Sunday being meant for socializing and not the actual workshop part, as long as it is thought out how this is communicated to the ECR members. On the other hand, starting the event on Sunday for ECRs with kids can be challenging compared to a regular workday. A brief discussion about this could take place on the ARCTOS Days for future events.

7) **Post-doc representatives**

The network has two new post-doc representatives, Zoe Koenig (UiT) and Giulia Castellani (NPI). Welcome! Eva has previously been a support for the post-docs of the network, and Igor promised to take over.

8) **AOB**

Anna sent a request to Meta that the company will not use any data from ARCTOS accounts (Facebook, Instagram) to train their own AI, but this request got rejected.

The Secretariat email list has been receiving a lot of spam emails but unfortunately UiT's IT department cannot beat this problem as of now. Anna will keep trying different settings to reduce spam, but other email lists are completely moderated.

Website should be updated this fall, including requesting people for their updated CVs (**Anna**).

The leadership suggested they will have meetings separately with PhDs, post-docs and the senior members to hear their thoughts and wishes for the network. Has to be hybrid as not everyone is based in Tromsø but could be a more casual setting. These should take place prior to ARCTOS Days, **leadership** will come up with suggestions for a schedule.

To advertise ARCTOS, **Eva** and **Sünnje** will contact Framsenteret for Framtalks in January 2025.

RG and PR as previous leaders should have a proper thank you/farewell, suggestion was for ARCTOS julelunsj.