

ARCTOS Secretariat meeting 18.09.2024 minutes

Present: Eva Leu, Sanna Majaneva, Amanda Ziegler, Igor Eulaers, Elizabeth Jones, Giulia Castellani, Zoe Koenig, Nicolas Gosset, Karley Campbell, Anna Miettinen (minutes)

1) ARCTOS Seminars

Seminar dates have been decided (Oct 30, Nov 14 and julelunsj). Initially the aim was to have a seminar already in September in association with a PhD & leadership meeting, but no available speakers were found. Tiziana (copepods) and Victor (fish) volunteered to give a talk. Igor suggested to have an ecotoxicology-themed seminar or colloquium possibly in November, where the new NPI post-docs could present themselves to the network. **Igor** will put a suggestion together and send it to the Secretariat. Eva suggested a cross-disciplinary sea ice colloquium with Karley and Rolf potentially interested to present in, Karley suggested to have this next year. **Anna** will send the pre-determined seminar dates to the entire network.

For clarification: ARCTOS seminars are mainly for our student members to present their work at, whereas colloquia are more extensive around certain theme/topic and usually with senior speakers.

2) PhD student and post-doc meetings

The leadership discussed in the last meeting that we would like to invite PhD students and post-docs to separate meetings to discuss their wishes and ideas for the network. Invitation to PhD meeting has been sent, and post-doc meeting invitation will be sent as soon as the room has been booked. Leadership will try to recruit new PhD reps at this meeting.

An idea was for **Anna** to send a list of upcoming ARCTOS events to the entire network.

ARCTOS is also open for people who work solely in Antarctic regions, this should be clarified somehow. **Leadership** will discuss this.

3) Christmas lunch

Julelunsj budget still uncertain.

4) Membership updates – questionnaire

With interest in a post-doc mentorship program, Igor, Zoe and Giulia suggested to draft and send out a questionnaire to the entire network to first assess the actual membership status of people and their current positions in their institutes. **Everyone in the Secretariat** should

send **Igor** their suggestions and add Sünnje, Eva and Anna as cc so they know the status of the questionnaire by Friday the 20th of September. Post-docs and researchers on a short-term contract should be clarified yet included in a similar manner in the questionnaire. **Anna** will send a briefing about this to the Secretariat soon after the meeting.

5) New member applications: Benjamin Merkel (researcher, NPI), Hanna Modin (PhD candidate, UiT), Fanny Cusset (Post-doc, NPI), Marianna Pinzone (Post-doc, NPI)

All members were accepted.

It is written on the ARCTOS website that for applying student members one of their supervisors should be an ARCTOS member. Some time back a previous student was discouraged from applying even though their project was highly relevant for ARCTOS but did not have an ARCTOS-affiliated supervisor. The point of the network is not to exclude people but rather encourage the supervisors to apply as well, so students in this situation should still be encouraged to apply. This should be discussed in detail in a further meeting. Additionally, ARCTOS is partially financed by the member institution and therefore people from other institutes could apply to be affiliate members. The **leadership** will review the current ARCTOS rules to clear up any confusions for the next meeting.

6) A-Days ECR workshop – work-life balance

The Secretariat had started a discussion about the work-life balance of ECRs for the ARCTOS Days, as the ECR part of the event starts on Sunday again in 2025. This is agreed to be okay for the upcoming A-Days as long as Sunday is dedicated for socializing and Monday is for the workshop. **The Secretariat** should bring up ideas for a major A-Days discussion theme for the next meeting.

7) AOB

Helge Markusson agreed that Sünnje will present ARCTOS and the new leaders at Framtalks in January.