

ARCTOS Secretariat meeting 13.11.2024 minutes

Present: Sünnje Basedow, Eva Leu, Elizabeth Jones, Amanda Ziegler, Henning Reiss, Zoe Koenig, Sanna Majaneva, Nicolas Gosset, Anna Miettinen (minutes)

1) ARCTOS budget and plan 2025 update

Budget clearer now. There is some financing for the upcoming ARCTOS Days and some for the colloquia, as well as travel budget for leadership to travel to partner institutions. After 2025 ARCTOS needs new financing.

Partner institutions within ARCTOS were not invoiced yet for the years 2023 and 2024 due to a mishap within the administration but invoices will be sent out soon. Therefore the board will be approached cautiously especially as the board meeting is overdue for this year. Sünnje will talk with Jørgen Berge and the end of the month, who will call in the board meeting.

2) ARCTOS Christmas lunch

As a thank you to Rolf and Paul, a video montage will be made, one for each. Zoe and Sünnje made example videos for people to follow and add to the video with short written instructions for the whole network. It was suggested to maybe buy something in addition. Eva is in town during the same week so it can be assessed closer to the date.

As a casual addition to the seminar, a “Best fieldwork/lab picture” competition will be held and people will vote for winners at the lunch.

3) ARCTOS Days

A preliminary program will be modified and shown again at a later stage to first start with science talks directly relevant to ARCTOS, with future project talks on the last day. Mentorship session should be on the first day. People who have not been members for long should be prioritized with the talk opportunities, like Hanna Modin and Marlena Szeligowska. Talks should follow themes if possible.

4) Strategy Document

The newest version of the ARCTOS Strategy document for the next decade is found on Teams (Secretariat → Documents → ARCTOS Strategy 2024_draft). This should be read within the next weeks and finalized in the next Secretariat meeting in December. **Anna** will send this and highlight the importance of this as the network has no active, published strategy for next year and onwards.

5) Membership questionnaire

Questions meant to assess our members and whether we have missed some changes that took place during the lack of a secretary. First sentence should be written already in the email that is to be sent out and the rest in a form. Should also highlight that this is a short thing to fill not to repel people from filling it out.

Inactive people will unlikely respond but eventually will help clean out the member lists a bit. **Anna** will send this at the end of Nov latest.

6) AOB

PhD student reps have changed, so this was Nico's last meeting. Thanks to Nico and Antonia for being student representatives!

ECR forum planning has not begun yet. Reminder that new Post-doc reps and one PhD rep need to be elected during the workshop.