

# ARCTOS Secretariat meeting 11.12.2024 minutes

Present: Sünnje Basedow, Eva Leu, Amanda Ziegler, Arunima Sen, Philipp Assmy, Karley Campbell, Henning Reiss, Elizabeth Jones, Marja Gächter, Anna Miettinen (minutes)

## 1) ARCTOS Strategy document

The strategy document was finalized at this meeting in agreement with the representatives. A few last-minute comments regarding education and mentoring were looked through together at the meeting and accepted changes. The strategy will be published on ARCTOS website.

## 2) ARCTOS Days program

The ARCTOS Days schedule was partially planned so that members of APN can stay at Sommarøy for their own meeting right after. However, APN changed their schedule so that on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> they have a seminar at Framsenderet during the day, and so APN members will have to leave early on Wed morning already. This will likely affect the program plan.

Anna had created two alternative program plans, and the following comments were received:

- Discussions about the network should be on the first day to let people have a chance to invest in it and to interact with each other
- Mentorship session should have enough time allocated
- Tuesday: after lunch keep the session of summarizing PhD and post-doc meetings with the leadership, feedback from ECR days and then discussing the network's current and future plans
- No overarching topic agreed for this year
- We have a positive surplus of interested speakers, will have to cut down while prioritizing ECRs and new projects

Zoe and Marja discussed who to invite for the ECR workshop and there was a suggestion for one external and remote speaker from UiB and maybe inviting 1-2 people from UiT. Funds for extra night at Sommarøy/transport and food costs should be possible to cover. **Anna** will update the draft and present again in January.

### **3) New member applications**

- o Marlena Szeligowska (post-doc, UiT), Lauriane Ribas-Deulofeu (post-doc, Nord); reapplying members: Amanda Ziegler (senior, APN), Yasemin Bodur (admin, UiT)

All members are accepted. Lauriane's application was mistakenly not included prior to the meeting, but going over the application the Secretariat uniformly agreed to accept her as a member.

### **4) Colloquia: deep-sea, ecotox?**

Bodil Bluhm suggested a deep-sea colloquium for the first half of next year. The idea was to connect deep sea professionals across the country. This would help connect ARCTOS, Bergen Bathysphere and Challenger 150-Arctic. Participants/speakers are aware that there is no funding for travel so this event will be hybrid.

Within the Secretariat, there is also interest in having joint events/seminars with iC3 as there is some overlap and relevancy both ways. This idea will be revisited in January.

Sea ice colloquium has been in the talks, which could include a more interdisciplinary approach and not just a biological perspective. Generally, it is of interest with more talks of non-biological perspective as not all ARCTOS members focus on biology. Karley will look for a date when a possible project meeting is in town to be able to invite international professionals to give a talk. Interest in not just sea ice bottom but the different habitats within the ice.

Ecotoxicology-related colloquium postponed for now. Henning knows a PhD student who is an ARCTOS member working on an ecotox-related project, and another non-member. It was suggested that this could even be arranged from Bodø. This relates to information received from the membership questionnaire that some of our ecotox-focused senior members terminated their memberships as there has been little coverage of this topic within ARCTOS.

### **5) IASC funding application**

There is an open call for funding application from IASC to finance activities and this would also include travel funds, which the NFR does not allow within their budget. The maximum

funds from IASC is 15000 eur. **Sünnje** will draft an application and will circulate it within the Secretariat. As the deadline is very soon (Jan 6<sup>th</sup>), whoever of the Secretariat can comment is encouraged to do so.

#### **6) Summary of feedback (membership questionnaire)**

ARCTOS currently has exactly 100 members and we received 61 submissions on the membership questionnaire. Most people of all career-levels were interested in the mentorship program that is to be established. Colloquia topics were suggested, someone commented on the high frequency of emails. **Anna** will compile the information and share it with the Secretariat.

#### **7) AOB**

Anna will confirm Vidgis from Nord as a confirmed member, and suggest that post-doc and the second PhD rep will be elected at the ECR workshop in February.