



Minutes from ASP leadership meeting

Date: 25th February 2014

Present: Søren Rysgaard (SR), Ronnie Glud (RNG), Malene Simon (MS), Dave Barber (DB), Peter Schmidt Mikkelsen (PSM)

Absent: Torben Røjle Christensen (TRC), Tim Papakyriakou (TP)

Referee: PSM

1. ASP organisation

- Leadership: Jesper Madsen has resigned from his position as co-lead of ARC and member of ASP leadership team. His decision is motivated by a variety of factors, primarily that he wishes to dedicate himself fully to his own research area which lies outside the current focus of the centre. We thank Jesper for his effort and wish him good luck..
- Administration: No changes.
- Operations: No changes.
- Communication: No changes.
- Education: Dorte Sjøgaard Schrøder (DSS) will be joining the Education team, as education representative of GCRC, as soon as she has finished her PhD in the summer of 2014.

2. Blue ocean wrapping elements of the Baffin Bay ASP project (DB)

Net-working proposal has been released and everybody agreed going ahead.

Full research proposal – here the call has not yet been released and it was suggested to await an official call from EU. Jens Ehn and Michael Sejr will take the lead, when this is announced.

3. Marine mammal research - summer student with Malene this year; and linkages to the Baffin Bay project (DB)

DB and MS agreed on having a Canadian student from CEOS visiting Nuuk some 2-3 months in the summer of 2014 working as an assistant. Her area is marine mammals. CEOS will pay her salary, while GCRC will cover travel and stay. DB and MS will take steps to make the arrangements.

4. Need for a rep from Greenland on Churchill Marine Observatory - oil in sea ice facility (DB)

DB called for a Greenland (GCRC/GINR) representative on the CMO project. The CMO representative for Greenland will be Senior Scientist Ole Geertz-Hansen.

Info on CMO: The Churchill Marine Observatory (CMO) is a planned proposal to the Canada Foundation for Innovation. The proposed Churchill Marine Observatory (CMO) compliments existing research facilities in Churchill and contributes to the formation of a National observing system for Arctic waters through the Canadian High Arctic Research Station (CHARS). In addition, CMO expands the scientific ability to observe and understand the: i) detection, ii) impacts, and iii) mitigation of oil spills in sea ice. Three mutually supporting core components are proposed: A logistics base; an Environmental Observatory (EO) and an Oil in Sea Ice Mesocosm (OSIM).

5. A NSERC CREATE proposal based on industrialization of the Arctic Marine System (iAMS); partnership with ASP (DB)

DB informed about the upcoming NSERC CREATE program. (NSERC = Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), (CREATE = Collaborative Research and Training Experience)

The CREATE program supports the training of teams of highly qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Canada and abroad through the development of innovative training programs that:

- encourage collaborative and integrative approaches, and address significant scientific challenges associated with Canada's research priorities; and
- facilitate the transition of new researchers from trainees to productive employees in the Canadian workforce.

See also: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/professors-professeurs/grants-subs/create-foncer_eng.asp

6. ASP newsletter (PSM)

The need for an ASP newsletter, every third month or so, and also some overall short basic information about the future field campaigns available on the ASP website was discussed.

The leadership team did not see an imminent need for this, but instead suggested that the minutes of meetings (MoM) from the leadership meetings should be available at the website. Furthermore leadership encouraged all other ASP teams to do the same.

However SR after the meeting agreed to write some short introduction to the various field campaigns.

7. Miscellaneous / what's new since last meeting (all)

- **Sea ice research centre.** RNG informed that the application for a future sea ice research centre is still among the 30 remaining potential candidates.
- **Villum Foundation application.** The ARC Villum Foundation application has been accepted by Aarhus University (AU), and will therefore be submitted to the foundation. It's a 150M DKK proposal.

8. Next leadership team meeting

8th April 2014. PSM will distribute agenda 1 week before meeting.