



## Minutes from ASP leadership meeting

Date: 18 October 2016

Present: Søren Rysgaard (SR), Peter Schmidt Mikkelsen (PSM), Tim Papakyriakou (TP), David Barber (DB), (JB), Torben Christensen (TC), Josephine Nymand (JN), Malene Simon (MS)

Absent: Tage Dalsgaard (TD), Tosten Kanzow (AW), Jørgen Berge (UIT)

Referee: SR

### Agenda:

#### 1. CERC application update (Dave)

UM group is positioned internal to submit a CERC proposal. The theme will be freshwater-marine coupling and we have 5 candidates for this. It will be a great way to strengthen the collaboration in the partnership.

#### 2. linked positions (AWI, Norway, Denmark) - purpose and role (Dave)

We are working to specifically identify (existing or new) faculty members to focus on ASP connectivity. It is expected that these positions will spend a considerable time in Nuuk but also be able to co-locate between institutions. Idea is that they can co-supervise students and build out joint grant proposals.

#### 3. update on CMO (Dave)

There have been financial challenges with the CMO project, partly due to decreased \$ value after the grant and due to too high costs on buildings. Also the sale of the port of Churchill has provided some extra challenges. The CMO will go out for bit again and we hope to keep the original deadline.

#### 4. update on IRC position for CMO (second attempt) (Dave)

The two chairs were unsuccessful. It is now considered if this concept should be dropped or being moved forward. It may result in a new competition to attract a new candidate with high experience in oil spills.

#### 5) BBOS (Søren)

BBOS is moving forward. The science plan is taking shape. Collaboration between universities is fine and we are starting to approach the users of such a large-scale facility. Next step is to meet after the ASM meeting and provide the last input to the project so a final science plan can be brought forward.

#### 6. ICE page (Søren)

A new initiative to increase collaboration between science and defence is emerging. The initiative is called: International Cooperative Engagement Program for Polar Research (ICE-PPR) and SR joint a meeting in Yellowknife with representatives from USA, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland and New Zealand. Collaboration themes will be various; e.g better weather forecasts, oil spill preparedness, search and rescue issues, environmental data, logistics and infrastructure collaboration. But also on basic science questions related to the Arctic. More will be presented later. Next meeting will be held in Nuuk spring 2017.

## **7. ASP annual meeting (Søren)**

It was decided to keep the ASP agenda presently on the ASP webpage for our next annual meeting. This was agreed on for two reasons. It is important to look back and evaluate on our 2016 activities. In addition, it is important to look ahead for activities in 2017 and beyond as numerous projects are emerging and an overall view of the joint ASP activities is needed.

## **8. Other (All)**

Torben updated on the new Greenland Ecosystem Monitoring strategy covering the next 5 years. Seems like it will fit nicely into the new CERC ideas and the BBOS observatory.

Next meeting in the ASP leadership: November 29, 2016