



Minutes from ASP Education Team Meeting

Date: July 2, 2014

Present: Lise Lotte Sørensen, Dorte H Sjøgaard, Jakob Thyrring, John Iacozza

Referee: John Iacozza

1. In collaboration with Helsinki University we have received a grant to strengthen the Arctic youth's interest in higher education through deepening of their basic education and to strengthen the Arctic youth's understanding of the challenges and opportunities posed by globalization and climate change. Within the project we will develop 3 teachers' workshops and a row of courses for high school students from Greenland. The project starts with a workshop on earth systems and climate. There will be a meeting/workshop in early September (9th) in Greenland with 8 high school teachers. This meeting will be to help facilitate a dialogue for the development of curriculum focusing on Arctic system and climate science. The first courses will be given to students in October.
2. The Atmosphere Biosphere Study network is a Nordic funded network of Master degree programmes, lead by Helsinki University and Aarhus University is a partner. The network received funding to involve universities in Iceland and Greenland and there is an interest in having the University of Greenland involved in the network. In addition, the University of Manitoba may be interested in being involved. A meeting to discuss collaboration and how students can be exchanged is scheduled in Greenland on September 10th. John, Lotte and Dorte will attend the meeting.
3. Discussion occurred around PhD field courses. A field course on marine ecosystems will be developed to be offered by AU in Nuuk. Furthermore the course on GHG and climate change, which will be taught in Aarhus this fall will be offered in Nuuk in the spring. The Education group discussed the possibility of combining field courses in Nuuk to produce a package of courses that would correspond to 20 ECTS. Students may take one or all the courses. This package would help attract students to Nuuk and could be used as a justification for the costs that will be incurred to travel to Nuuk. John and Dorte will organize a field course focusing on sea ice to be part of this package. The courses will be offered in March. Once the field courses are designed and in place, a brochure will be produced to communicate this package of courses to other universities. The education team will talk to the communication team about this.
4. The education team also discussed the possibility of having Arctic-centric courses listed on the UArctic website. This may also be a possible source of funding for the education programs and courses. There are some political issues surrounding the Canadian involvement in the UArctic. John will talk to the administration at the UM to facilitate this. Dorte will submit an application in September to get GINR enrolled in UArctic.
5. One of the issues the education team will focus on in September will be to produce a new road map for ASP-Education. John will draft a preliminary road map and it will be discussed in September when all three members will be in Nuuk. The education team will hopefully present this to the ASP at the meeting in November. Furthermore, we have a meeting on September 9th with the steering group from the Center of Health Research to collaborate about teaching.
6. The education team has taken the lead to help establish a student committee in ASP. Similar to the structure of the other committees in ASP, there will be a member from each institution. Jakob will be the lead from Aarhus University. Lorenz Meire will be the lead from Greenland. We are still in the process of finalizing the lead from Manitoba. The initial meeting of the student committee will hopefully take place in Aarhus in November at the annual ASP meeting. The Education team will help



to facilitate that meeting. We hope the student committee, among other roles, will help to provide information to the education team to aid in the fulfillment of the goals of the ASP Education team

7. The next meeting of the Education Team will be in Nuuk in September.
8. Meeting adjourned.