

## **Minutes from ASP leadership meeting - 5 June 2018**

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Cancelled: David Barber (on the Amundsen), Tim Papakyriakou (on the Amundsen), Uwe John (field campaign in the North Sea), Jørgen Berge (other meeting, but send update from UiT – he has good news, see below)

### ***Agenda***

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1. update on new projects, initiatives - table round
2. update on the Piksiolasorsuaq partnership in the northwater
3. update on ASP science meeting - 27-29 Nov - Sandbjerg, Denmark
4. Other issues?

### ***Minutes***

1.  
(MS) Update from GN: initiated an expansion on the climate-society research involving local people. This is a joint project between GINR and University of Nuuk. GINR & ARC also involved in the startup of an autumn semester for natural science education in Nuuk. Status for the planned Science Hub in Nuuk is to start with a communication secretariat. The first plan is to focus on communication science to the Greenland society.

(FW) Ongoing large field campaign with the Amundsen in Hudson Bay. David and Tim are onboard. UM have submitted several proposals on oil spill covering in situ burning, chemical characterization, microbial degradation etc. Will know the result in late June. If funded, projects are expected to start this autumn. Also Letter of Intent has been submitted to the new ArcticNet program. Deadline today. Churchill Marine Observatory (CMO) is going forward. Railway to Churchill is being repaired. CMO is expected to be operational in late 2019.

(TR) Several students and positions are starting up in the Greenland Ecosystem Monitoring program. Torben join as the vice director of ARC.

(MB) No major field activities this year. Summer school onboard the Amundsen. Are looking into a way to collaborate on a CFI proposal with University of Manitoba to enhance collaborations between the Qikiqtarjuaq station and the Baffin Bay Observing System. New Tara expedition is planned in 2020. The ship Tara will perform a drift

expedition in the Arctic Ocean and its planned to be repeated over several years to come. ASP scientists are in the scientific board of this.

(SR) First joint mooring deployed by ASP institutions in front of a glacier in Greenland. Test of the science navy vessel Lauge Koch went well. First expedition will be in August to the Greenland Sea. This expedition has been coordinated with AWI and Polarstern that will operate in an adjacent area. Will join an international science collaboration and outreach cruise to the Arctic Ocean together with EU funding people. Scientists from various ASP organizations will join.

(JB) Nansen Legacy (AeN): The KPH is delayed, hence the first AeN cruise was cancelled. However, the ship is now out on a test campaign (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok6KWKzXo&feature=youtu.be>) and the first AeN cruise will be in August. UiT engagement in ASP: Our proposal to the Norwegian UD was not funded, but UiT have decided to initiate a further integration for full membership of ASP. Within the next 2-3 weeks two new permanent professor/associate professor positions will be announced, both with a formalized responsibility to engage in ASP as part of their job descriptions (estimated 10% each). This will be a major step forward for us. The Dean has also said that in addition to these two new appointments, the head of logistics / ship operations will engage in the logistics group of ASP. Hope to have more of this formalized and in place in the autumn. Søren, will meet with the UiT on these matters during the upcoming outreach cruise on Helmer Hanssen.

2. Update on the Piksiolasorsuaq partnership in the northwater. This project is still developing. Latest news is that there have been raised money in Canada for salary for communities to help out with sampling. Right now ASP is helping out to find money to be used on the Greenland side.

3. As agree on the last annual Arctic Science Partnership (ASP) meeting in Tromsø, we decided to bring together all major large projects in our network to select key parameters to be standardized among our different large-scale projects that will occur simultaneous over the next 4 to 5 years to maximize data comparison, extrapolation and collaboration. This standardization will also allow us to formulate some intercomparison papers focused around the larger circumpolar scale. For an overview our ASP roadmap is to be found on our ASP homepage (<http://www.asp-net.org/content/asp-research-roadmap>). Idea is to bring the PI's of the major projects and their closest colleagues and logistic responsible. We need to get started to think what samples/data should be collected among all the upcoming ASP campaigns. We could start with 5 things that could be easily collected at all stations and field programs. ARC has been funded to be able to collect and analyze eDNA. Meeting will take place in Sandbjerg **27-29 November 2018 in Denmark**. Details on the location is found at: <https://www.sandbjerg.dk/en/>. It is a nice and cozy locality. A short summary of its history can be found here: <https://www.sandbjerg.dk/en/history>

No other issue.

**Next ASP skype meeting will be held 3 July 15.00 (CET)**

Best regards

Søren