



ARC Management Board meeting 28-09-2015
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1. News from faculties

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1.1 BSS/ARTS

Ellen Margrethe Basse (BSS) and Cécile Pelaudeix (ARTS) have been organizing the session: Energy security and environmental governance for the upcoming MatchPoints Seminar in November (Security and Governance in the Globalised Arctic: Nordic and International Perspectives). Ellen Margrethe and Cécile are editing a book titled "Governance of offshore hydrocarbon activities in the Arctic" to be published by Ashgate Publishing in 2016. The book is partly based on presentations from the conference: Arctic Offshore Conference 2014 – Aarhus Interdisciplinary Arctic Initiative. Cécile is starting to write a Marie Curie network application as a collaboration between BSS, ARTS and S&T. To further develop the collaboration between BSS, ARTS and S&T there is a need for post docs. It was suggested to apply for a joint position between the 3 faculties.

1.2 ARTS

Pelle Tejsner and Rane Willerslev have in collaboration with Toke Thomas Høye from S&T organized the Arctic interdisciplinary conference "Forging of cultures in the Circumpolar North – a comparative perspective". The conference was very successfully held at Moesgaard 24 and 25 September. It is the aim to produce a publication in a high impact journal based on this conference.

1.3 Health

At Health the first midterm evaluation on an ARC PhD student took place this summer. In total three ARC PhD students started in 2014, thus two more midterm evaluation will soon occur. A PhD school on Arctic health research takes place in Nuuk from Oct. 2nd -5th in Nuuk where teachers and PhD students from Centre for Arctic Health participate.



The AMAP Human Health Assessment Group (HHAG) has a meeting at Sandbjerg, Soenderborg November the 4th to the 6th. Alaska, Canada, Finland, Russia, Norway, Faroe Island and Denmark are represented. The main topic is to discuss the White Paper for the new AMAP Human Health Report 2015. Health and S&T have project fieldwork in Scoresbysund in September / October. The health project ACCEPT (mother-child health cohort) data and interview sampling (Eva Bonefeld-Jørgensen), and the interdisciplinary project collaboration Predator (food security), (S&T/Health with Rune Dietz, Christian Sonne and Eva Bonefeld-Jørgensen) including data and interview sampling.

1.4 S&T

In spring and summer field experiments have taken place at VRS at Station Nord (3x3weeks). The field work was very successful. Thirty scientists were involved. An overview of budget and expenses will be obtained over the next couple of months.

Anders Mosbech organised a research Cruise with the military vessel Einar Mikkelsen off Thule.

Between April and August 2015, researchers from ARC involved in the NOW-project have carried out field work in the North Water area off Thule (Avanersuaq). The NOW project is an interdisciplinary research project integrated by archaeologists, biologists and anthropologists

2. New centre manager

Susanna Pakkasmaa is the new centre manager. She is Finnish (speaks Finnish, Danish, Swedish and English) and has work experience from Finland, Denmark, Sweden and Germany. She holds a PhD in biology from Helsinki University. She has experience in international collaboration and science administration. She was employed at the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management before she moved to the position at ARC and has previously worked as Executive Officer at Geomar in Germany and as international coordinator at Aarhus University. She started in the position Thursday October 1st.

3. Forum for Arktisk Forskning FAF

Forsknings og Innovationsstyrelsen (FI) has agreed to financially support ISAAFIK (260000 kr) in 2016. A new workshop on Arctic collaboration (Hindsgavl 2) is being planned for March 2016. We expect to receive funding for this meeting from the FI. Furthermore we are trying to obtain funding for scientific equipment for the new inspection ship; Lauge Koch, from the agency for Science, Technology and Innovation.

3.1 Other FAF related meetings



There will be an Arctic conference in Brussels on 30/11-1/12. At this conference there will be a session on climate change, which Kurt Nielsen will chair. A new forum for coordination of Arctic activities between universities and military will be established

Søren attended a meeting in Halifax where the aim was to discuss and enhance collaboration between USA, Canada and EU on Arctic research.

4. Education

4.1 Master courses in Nuuk 2015

In spring we had the first semester with courses on master level in Nuuk. One course was a field course offered by University of Manitoba, three courses were offered by Aarhus University and one course was offered by Ilisimatusarfik. Lotte suggested that we should aim to have the course from Ilisimatusarfik offered by AU as well since it is Cecile who is responsible for the course. This will make it easier for students in Denmark to register for the course. The course on Arctic mineral resources is a course offered by both AU and DTU, so we have experience with this. The courses (logistic, travel, accommodation) were funded by UArctic.

4.2 Master courses in Nuuk 2016

We are at the moment planning spring semester 2016, which will have 1 course from University of Manitoba, 2 courses from Aarhus University and 2 courses from Ilisimatusarfik. 8-9 students have signed up for the whole course packet. The logistic, accommodation and travel will be financial supported by the Greenlandic government.

We have applied for support from UArctic to initiate a fall semester in 2016 in Nuuk focusing on environment and health. The planning of the semester has started. Course responsible from ARC will be; Rune Dietz, Christian Sonne, Henrik Skov, Kaj Mantiuz Hansen and Eva Bonefeld-Jørgensen. (Nov 1st : The UArctic funding is obtained)

4.3

The construction of new education buildings in Nuuk is started. From spring 2017 Copenhagen University will also participate in the teaching in Nuuk. Pelle was part of an Arctic PhD school initiated by Circla, Aalborg University and funded by UArctic.

5. Forging of Cultures in the Circumpolar North

Is reported above under "News from faculties"

6. Annual meeting



The annual meeting will be on 25th and 26th of November at Sandbjerg. Sandbjerg is pre-booked for the event.

Agenda: Tage suggest that we focus on reporting from senior researchers in order to have a review on what has happened since the start of ARC. Anders added that the presentations should address the questions: where are we? and what can we use it for? What should be the focus in the future? It is important to show the interdisciplinarity in all presentations if possible. Furthermore there will be a presentation of the ASP plans for the coming years. We agreed to have less group work. Lotte, Cecile, Pelle, Eva (or one of Evas students) will make a preliminary draft. Invitations will be sent to deans and pro-deans plus department heads.

7. Follow up on annual meeting 2014

Rune will set up a local Roskilde-board to improve inter-collaboration between the campuses.

ASPs new “roadmap” will be discussed at the ASP meeting in December. ASPs plans for the future will give directions for the future of ARC. In order to give ARC scientists more influence on the science plan these will be discussed at ARC annual meeting.

8. ARC evaluation

S&T will like to continue ARC but there has been no commitment from other faculties yet. Eva said that the scientists from Health are interested but they cannot be sure to have money from The department of Public Health (however the institute is positive). The vice dean, Ole Steen from Health should be contacted.

If we get 2.5 mil from each faculty we will be able to run for another 5 years. We have to convince the four faculties. We need to show the linked activities and the support from external funding. We need to show we have research funding but need funding to run the center as an interdisciplinary center.

9. Proposal

There are several possibilities for proposal for Horizon2020. Søren is involved in an infra structure proposal. Cecile is coordinating a Marie Curie joint degree proposal. We need a coordinating forum for proposals in order to ensure that resources are used in the most efficient way for larger proposals. It was suggested that Susanna is a good candidate to coordinate this.

10. Next meeting

MB on November 16th.



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