

Minutes

Subject: Steering group – Arctic Network - SDU 11 May 2022
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Place: Online – Teams
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Welcome /Christina

Welcome to all and welcome to Associate Professor Carina Ren – Aalborg University

Arctic Network at Aalborg University /Associate professor Carina Ren – Aalborg University

The Annual report for Aalborg University Arctic is attached for information.

AAU is a member of the “Forum for Arktisk Forskning”. Here are some reflections of what AAU does and the challenges.

AAU Arctic was established in 2016. The Secretariat includes a Head, coordinator and a secretary. There is a Steering Group and a Coordination Committee with Arctic researchers from all faculties.

The yearly funding, to be a part of the AAU Arctic, is 100,000 DKK from each faculty, each 4 faculties. AAU has expenses for the following:

- Memberships: UArctic, Isaaffik and ABN.
- Travel costs, meetings and salary to the Secretariat.

Every 5th year AAU make an update on the “Terms of reference”.

AAU’s mission is to be an organization which brings Arctic researchers together and facilitates collaborations across the university. (e.g. writing applications).

The Ministry has an “International Network Programme” with an Arctic focus, where many of AAU researchers are involved. They are a part of GEUS. GEUS work with climate changes in Southern Greenland.

Annual meeting and collaboration:

- One Annual meeting with all Arctic researchers at AAU
- Second Annual meeting where all faculties are invited.

The Agenda of the faculty annual meeting is to share work.

Branding the Arctic Network at AAU:

- Social media
- Brochures / One-minutes-videos
- Book written on experiences regarding work in Greenland

Conferences

- The Arctic Frontiers
- Hindsgavl (organization and participation)
- At the conference in March 2021 <https://videnogvaekst.arctic-consensus.com/>, AAU participate with the headline: How can create entrepreneurship and innovation in the Arctic.

Funding of "Overhead" in the budget is a challenge. The University is funding the salary for the Secretary and the Coordinator.

The Arctic Network has made an overview and a map for Arctic researchers at the University. Keep it simple, keep it smart to see where we matter and where we can collaborate. Where can we make impacts.

The Network has the power to bring people together across faculties. The Network has created a platform for the researchers. The researchers are also using their external networks.

Membership of the UArctic

- The "North2North"- programme for students
- Thematic Networks for researchers.

Participating in the Thematic Networks for researchers are on individual level.

The yearly meeting always have a theme:

- Ph.-d-course
- Polarsekretariatet.
- Security and impact on Arctic research.

It is important for the Arctic Network discuss UArctic and the networks in UArctic, to communicate that we can be a forceful impact and a respectful collaborator, so that our partners around the world will choose Denmark.

The annual report shows what the Network are doing and to communicate to the leaders.

The network has established a platform with access to resources.

How do we interact as a partner in UArctic:

- Build an identity.
- Problembased learning in the Arctic?
- What are the pit-falls?

- How can we contribute?
- How can we make a difference?

The Head of secretariat, the Coordinator and the Secretary each use 100 hours pr. Semester. The SoMe – assistant use a few hours a week.

SDU is applying for full membership in UArctic. The Assembly for the UArctic meets in June and we have received an invitation This will be the first step for full membership.

We can facilitate conversations between AAU, SDU and maybe RUC and include drone- and robot-researchers too.

Activities

Internal:

- Applications for GIO and International Network programme
- Meetings in network
- Dissemination
- Connection to Arctic studies and CIRCLA
- Counselling of FAF and The Polar Secretariat

External:

- Signature events
- Polarforskerdagen
- Greenland Science Week
- Hindsgavl
- Viden & Vækst
- Delegations travel to Iceland, The Faroes and Greenland
- Participation in Arctic organs.

We postponed the other items on the agenda to the next meeting

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Update on Membership of UArctic

Upcoming events and meetings for the Network for Arctic Researchers on SDU?

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