

Meeting: Meeting of Bergen Hub Advisory Group (BHAG) of AEkhRB

Meetingplace: Boardroom, BRB Strandgt. 6 (The AEkhRB premises at BRB)

Date: Thursday 26 June 2014 1500-1800

Present: Dag Rune Olsen (MAE/UiB), Ole Hope (BRB), Ole Arve Misund (MAE / UIS); Laszlo Csernai (MAE/ UIB); Jan S: Vaagen (MAE/ UIB); Vidar Totland (BRB)

Apologies: Petter E. Bjørstad (MAE/UiB), Einar Hope (MAE / NHH), Sigmund Grønmo (MAE/ UIB); Anne Gro V. Salvanes (MAE/ UIB); Leiv K. Sydnes (MAE/ UIB); Svend Erik Larsen (MAE / University of Aarhus)

Referent: Jan S. Vaagen / Vidar Totland (BRB)

MINUTES

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Reference: Programme/agenda for the meeting dated 24 April 2014 emailed to the BHAG members. (The meeting 22 May was cancelled due to the Inauguration Ceremony 30 May).

Chairman: BHAG Chair (HC) Dag Rune Olsen.

The meeting was completed according to schedule.

Welcome by CEO BRB Ole Hope (BHAG Vice-Chair – HVC)

1. Brief summary of BHG meeting 24 April by Chair.
No remarks to minutes. Status for follow-ups of tasks from 24 April.
BHAG Approved.
2. Report by HAD (Hub Academic Director) on recruitment. *BHAG encourages members of all sections to try to recruit new members, and if it feels correct report back to BHAG. (Better reporting from Sections ABC was called for) Recruitment to “Young Academy” is also of great importance.*

BHAG approved.

3. Summary (by HC&HVC) of programme, events and results of the Inauguration Ceremony 30 May. Members of BHAG expressed their satisfaction with the ceremony in general, and expressed appreciation of clear signals from the Board members to the hub in Bergen. A central issue will be “the Nordic Model”, of importance to all three sections. This issue includes also the Arctic perspective.
4. Hub participation at the 26th Annual Conference in Barcelona. Vaagen(HAD)/Csernai will represent the Hub.
5. Work on material for profiling the Hub is coming along, such as homepage, and material needed for Barcelona is about to be communicated to the London office in time. It is important that members of AE contribute with professional input to create a dynamic homepage.
6. HAD gave an overview of how the homebase is being built, strengthening original contacts, developing new links to underpin the mission statement, and by already being integrated in relevant regional conferences and workshops. Totland (BRB), the Hub Secretary, plays a vital role in this work.
7. HAD gave a report on ongoing EASAC work, in particular on Fracking – a European option?
8. An exchange of opinion took place concerning the Hub’s relation to the annual Christie-conference at the University (UoB).
9. A list of possible projects, suggested by UoB members, was presented by HAD and discussed. Some have been sorted out to be addressed by Thematic Talks (TT) in the fall programme. (A separate document has been sent to London, see appendix. Here is also listed conferences where AEkhRB is already, or can be partly organizer. It was suggested that AEkhRB should apply to be “associate partner” of the conference “Arctic Frontiers” in Tromsø, Norway (next January 2015 conference) (BHAG member Ole Arve Misund is a member of the conference board).
10. A suggestion for a BHAG meeting plan for the fall was presented by the Secretary, asking for a fast response.
11. Additional Issues.
None put forward.
12. Thematic Talk on a move to add a Unesco Chair at UoB to Bergen’s Unesco involvement. The chair will address Cultural Heritage in a modern society, public awareness and the role of science. TT-Speaker – Professor Nils Georg Brekke (UoB).

Appendix

ACTIVITY PROGRAMME (draft) FALL 2014 -BHAG (Bergen Hub Advisory Group)

4 monthly meetings, including appended Thematic Talks (TT) and discussions, open for Hub members and collaborators, and invited guests.

- TT1: The Nordic Model in societies of increasing differences - Still a road to a fair society? / Large Scale Data Storage and Transportation.
- TT2: Ruling the Waves – a Maritime outlook.
- TT3: Science of Explosions / Fracking – a European option?
- TT4: Future Harvest in Arctic Waters.

NTVA (Norwegian Academy of Technological Sciences, Bergen section)
Hub participation in the fall lecture programme.

BUILDING THE HUB

Continued work on strengthening Partner links and other regional links, making the homebase operational. The first real steps to extend the frame to Northern Seas (NS) more widely.

PROJECTS (some with EASAC links)

P1 Focus on Nature and Cultural heritage in Northern Seas societies (Unesco link).

P2 Joining Europe's work on particle beam medicine and therapy.

P3 CCSU (Carbon Capture, Storage and Usage)- who can afford it and when; and who may use it as a business input?

P4 Micro to macro: From the Fermi Sea to advising maritime science.

P5 Harvesting the Northern Seas.

P6 Large scale data Storage and Transportation.

CONFERENCES – HUB PARTLY COORGANIZER (participation)

1. „Law of the Sea“; Bergen, 25 -27. June (participation)
<http://www.uib.no/jur/79018/prestisjetung-havrettskonferanse-til-bergen>
2. „Energikonferansen“ 2014, Haugesund 5-6 August
<http://www.energirike.no/>
3. „Cold water- hot questions“ Bergen late fall 2014
<https://www.stortinget.no/nn/Grunnlovsjubileet/Jubileumskalender1/Aktuelle-hendelser/Hendelser/Aktuelle/Kultur/Kaldt-hav--hete-sporsmal/>
4. International Workshop on Collectivity in Relativistic Heavy Ion Collisions (IWOC 2014) Kolybari, Greece 14-20 Sept.
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/284199/>
5. „Arctic Frontiers“ Tromsø, Norway. 18--23 January 2015
www.arcticfrontiers.com/2015-conference

<http://www.arcticfrontiers.com/arctic-frontiers/about-us/11-steering-committee>