

Bergen, Tuesday 17 February 2016

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

**Meeting place:** Strandgt. 6, BRB Board Room

**Date:** Wednesday 10 February 2016 1545-1730

**Present:** Dag Rune Olsen (MAE/UiB), ), Petter E. Bjørstad (MAE/UiB); Ole Arve Misund (MAE/ UiB), Ole Hope (BRB); Jan S: Vaagen (MAE/ UiB); Vidar Totland (BRB)

**Referent:** Vidar Totland (BRB)

**Apologies:** Svend Erik Larsen (MAE/UiAa); Leiv K. Sydnes (MAE/ UiB; Anne Gro Salvanes (MAE/ UiB), ); Einar Hope (MAE / NHH); Laszlo Csernai (MAE/ UiB); Sigmund Grønmo (MAE/ UiB).

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### MINUTES

#### PROGRAM

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##### Decisions

1. Brief summary of last meeting 15 December 2015.

HAD gave a brief oral summary of last meeting 15. December. A written version will be made available. Comments by HC.

2. Annual Report 2015, incl. statement of account 2015, for BHAG comments and approval.

**BHAG approved** the annual report for 2015, but requested that the statement of account uses EUROS only, and that the Curien support from AE London for Summer programme be included as well as contributions from the organizing teams.

3. Outline of relations between AEkhRB and UNESCO in Bergen / UiB by HAD and HC.

**BHAG Approved**

4. Information on Hub status by the Region Bergen Partners.

BRB by Ole Hope informed BHAG about a document from one of the Partners, Hordaland County Council (Hordaland fylkeskommune), describing intention to leave the contract partnership midterm in July, i.e. after 2 ½ years of the 5 year contract period. BHAG regretted this unexpected move, its short notice and short explanation. BHAG, advised by its Chair Dag Rune Olsen, also representing the UiB partner, agreed however to continue business as usual taking measures to compensate

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the loss in contract operational income. Being of great urgency, and of first priority, a clarification from the Partners was hoped for when BHAG reconvenes in its 29 March meeting. BRB (Hope) was asked to inform London about the situation.

Hub's media / outreach has to be strengthened. UiB proposed support.

HAD informed BHAG about relevant issues in the minutes from AE's board meeting at Barcelona 9-10 December 2015, in particular concerning Barcelona's and Bergen's contracted AE contributions. BHAG interpreted the Board discussion as a perspective for the London contribution and financial sharing between Hub and London office. HAD hoped for some clarification before the London meeting of AE hubs 13-14 March. Referring to the information from AE London, Misund welcomed to forward the Hubs bio-/seafood involvement.

5. Status for CONSENSUS 2016 10 June, associated with the Topical "The Hansa Way " Symposium in collaboration with Hordaland County Council; RMM 11 June with Special Theme "The EU Scientific Advice Mechanism (SAM).

"NorSAC"; Atom Smashers and Cancer Therapy Tools (Northern Contribution), in second part of August. The foci of both CONSENSUS and NorSAC are linked to the Hub's Theme and Project list.

HAD gave a presentation.

***BHAG Approved***

6. Suggested schedule for BHAG meetings in first part of 2016

***BHAG Approved***

The 2016 plan for BHAG members is thus:

Tuesday 29 March 15.45 - 16.30 + 1630-18.00 (TT)

Wednesday 4 May 15.00 - 16.30 + 1630-18.00 (TT)

In addition the Summer programme 2016 – see 5.

7. *Recruitment:*

Recruiting new AE members from Region Bergen - reports from Sections ABC.

Action was called for to widen the Nordic outreach of the Hub activity using competence persons and position mechanisms.

HAD pointed out that recruitment to both AE and YAE need to be strengthened.

***BHAG Approved***

*Other matters*

- No other matters on the agenda