



Minutes from Advisory Board (AB) meeting 27 May 2021

Venue

Zoom (virtual meeting), May 27, 2021, 9.00-10.45

Attendees

Advisory Board (AB) members: UiB's Vice Rector Annelin Eriksen (who chaired the meeting on behalf of UiB rector Margareth Hagen¹), Ole Arve Misund, Erland Källén, Björn Wittrock (attended the last part of the meeting), Marja Makarow and Martin Fernø.

From the Hub management: Academic Director Eystein Jansen, Hub Manager Kristin Bakken and Communication adviser Nils Olav Sæverås.

Agenda

Item no	Item title	Conclusions
1/2021	Adoption of agenda and AOB	The suggested agenda was adopted – no other business.
2/2021	Activities 2020-2021 & Plans Presented by Eystein Jansen <i>Purpose: Information and input</i>	The AB took note of the presentation and had no objections regarding activities in 2020-2021 or future plans. (Further on the discussion, see below)
3/2021	Strategic plan 2021–2024 (draft) <i>Purpose: Discussion and approval</i>	The AB approved the Strategic Plan 2021-2024 for the AE-Bergen Hub. (Further on the discussion, see below)
4/2021	Rosendal Seminar: Timing and topics <i>Purpose: Discussion and decision(s)</i>	The AB decided to postpone the planned Rosendal seminar 2021 until spring 2022 when hopefully travel restrictions due to the pandemic are over.
5/2021	Advisory Board: 1) members 2) timing of next AB meeting <i>Purpose: Discussion and decision(s)</i>	1) The next AB meeting will take place after the Hub's Rosendal seminar in 2022. 2) a) The AB should be extended with a Danish member b) Marja Makarow is taking on as president of AE and will be replaced by another member from Finland. (See updated information below)
6/2021	Any other Business (AOB)	None

¹ The former leader of the Advisory Board (AB), Dag Rune Olsen is no longer rector at UiB due to employment as rector at University of Tromsø. UiB's current rector, Margareth Hagen, has replaced Olsen in the Advisory Board but was prevented from participation in this meeting. The meeting was chaired by Vice-rector Annelin Eriksen, who also has represented the UiB leadership in the Hub's Steering group (as an observer).

Item 2/2020 - Hub activities 2019 and plans for 2020

Views/points raised during the discussion:

- The ecosystems of AE's Hubs can be utilized better when relevant – both in cooperation and flow of information.
- Visibility is important – Eystein's lecture at the University of Gotheburg in Sweden was a good example and could be followed up by similar events/lectures in the Hub's region.
- The plan is to follow up the [Changing Arctic event](#) in Estonia with a new conference in the autumn of 2021.
- The UN IPCC [Working Group I contribution to the Sixth Assessment Report](#) (released August 9th 2021) (up-to-date physical understanding of the climate system and climate change, bringing together the latest advances in climate science, and combining multiple lines of evidence from paleoclimate, observations, process understanding, and global and regional climate simulations). This report might create good opportunities for events – but must be coordinated with other Norwegian actors – perhaps better as a pan-Nordic event, perhaps this autumn (Erlend and Eystein will discuss).
- The [IEA Global Energy Review 2021](#) has created a lot of debate – the Hub might draw attention to the practical uptake.
- Martin Fernø is planning an exhibition in the University Museum in Bergen on CO2 storage – will include a series of events (perhaps with pan-Nordic perspectives included).

Item 3/2020 - Strategy Document Draft

Views/points raised during the discussion:

- National scientific advice mechanisms are very important – Finland's new mechanism is almost in place and could be a theme for an event – important to eliminate conflict of interests, so national mechanisms should not be executed by governments.
- Nomination of new AE members is important – there are no limits of the numbers of scientists that can be nominated.
- Science for policy is a very important aspect of the strategic plan.
- Be aware that the "hard sciences" are not very visible in the plan – but many Swedish members are from these areas.
- It is a challenge for many of the Hubs, not only AE-Bergen, to engage their extended region, e.g., Barcelona for the Mediterranean region.

Item 5/2020 – Advisory Board (new members)

After the meeting it has been decided that:

- Carl Gahmberg replaces Marja Makarow from Finland
- Kirsten Drotner is a new member from Denmark

From June 2021 the AE-Bergen Hub's Advisory Board members thus are as follows:

- Margareth Hagen, Rector and Professor, University of Bergen, Norway (Italian Literature)
- Erlend Källén; MAE, Professor, University of Stockholm, Sweden (Meteorology/Climate)
- Carl Gahmberg; MAE, Professor emeritus, Chancellor of Åbo Academy University, Finland (molecular biology/medicine)
- Björn Wittrock; MAE, Professor Emeritus, Uppsala University and Vice President AE
- Kirsten Drotner, MAE, Professor, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark (media and culture)
- Jüri Allik; MAE; Univ. of Tartu, Estonia (Psychology)
- Ole Arve Misund; MAE, Director/Professor Tromsø (Marine and fisheries biology)
- Martin Fernø; MYAE2, Professor, University of Bergen (Physics)