

Focus on Soils & Water steering committee meeting: February 15, 2016, 13:00-15:00, room Ekoln (B4051) in the MVM centre, Ultuna, SLU.

1. Chair, secretary

Maria Kahlert chair, Anke Herrmann secretary, Richard Johnson to adjust the protocol.

2. Minutes of November 16, 2015

Approved by all

3. FoSW: Director and steering committee

Tina Putz (Forest Mycology & Plant Pathology) has agreed to be one of the PhD representatives in the steering committee which was approved by all. Deputy PhD representatives are required: Anke/Maria will ask Jenna Senecal if she would like to be a deputy for one of the PhD representatives during spring term 2016. Lisbet and Björn will ask at the Dept. of Soil & Environ. for potential deputy PhD representative(s), as Jose Ledesma will defend his thesis in March 2016. Names of new steering group members will be forwarded to FUN for official approval and appointment.

4. Decisions

4.1 Course application "Soil systems: Analytical methods for integrating the chemical, biophysical interface in soils" (Anke Herrmann). Proposed budget: 184 591 SEK.

Alternative 1) I approve the course content and budget

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

Approved by all

4.2 Course report "Ecological stability vs resilience: straightening up concepts and making them useful for management (PNG0061)". 8 students. Evaluation: 4,5 points out of 5 for overall quality. Planned budget: 150 403 kr, final budget: 181 284 kr.

Alternative 1) I approve that 181284 kr will be reimbursed to IVM (David Angeler).

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

Approved by all: Agreed that feedback should be given to the course organizers concerning discrepancies in the budget (salary vs other costs) and that greater effort should be given to advertising the PhD course, if offered again.

4.3 Workshop report "The Swedish Environmental Quality Objectives (Miljömålen). Workshop and optional 'mini-course', PNG0063." 12 (course)+3 PhD students, in total 40 participants.

Evaluation: 4,1 points out of 5 for overall quality. Plan: 25463 kr. Final: 23822 kr

Alternative 1) I approve that 23822 kr will be reimbursed to IVM (Maria Kahlert).

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

Approved by all

4.4 Report Evgheni Ermolaev for conference (oral presentation) Sardinia 2015, the "International Waste Management" in Italy 5-9 October 2015). Applied 10 tkr, approved 10 tkr, report 15450 kr.

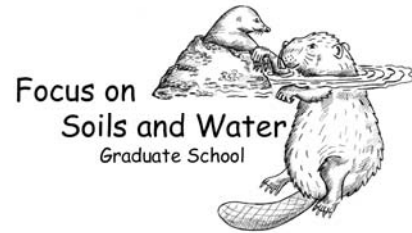
Alternative 1) I approve that 10 tkr will be reimbursed to Evgheni Ermolaev.

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

Approved by all



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5. Short update activities 2016

5.1. PhD course – Minerals in soils and sediments and their X-ray identification and quantification
Course will be given in April 2016. Maria will ask Magnus and Jon Petter (course organizers) for an update, and she will inform them that the steering committee would like to point out that the final budget distribution (i.e. salary vs other costs) should not differ markedly from the approved budget.

5.2. PhD course – Multivariate methods for ecologists
Course is currently ongoing with Ulf Grandin as course organizer.

5.3. PhD course – R course (RS coop)
Matt Low is course organizer and there are currently 29 PhD students registered (max. 30 students).
Course will be jointly given with the research school Ecology.

5.4. PhD course Writing course (RS coop)
Anke will be course organizer and the course will be given in autumn 2016 together with the research school Organism Biology.

5.5. PhD course – Media training (RS coop) = To communicate science
The course is announced and will be given with other research schools.

5.6. Information study visit at Helsinki University
The steering committee endorsed an excursion to the doctoral School AGFOREE (Sustainable Use of Renewable Natural Resources) at Helsinki University in September 2016.

5.7. Lunch seminars
Various possibilities for lunch seminars were discussed and the PhD student representatives will follow up on several options.

5.8. Workshops
5.8.1 Postdoc
Together with the research schools Ecology, Bioenergy, Organism Biology, we are organizing a PostDoc workshop which will take place on 2nd of March.

5.8.2 Career
The career day will be organized in autumn 2016.

5.9. WEBB16 project: Homepage changes
The steering committee commissioned Anke and Maria to ask Cajsa Lithell if she can help in supporting the PhD student representatives with transferring the homepage from Episerver 6 to Episerver 7. Elin Widén was discussed as an alternative if Cajsa is not able to take on this task.

6. Other

Nothing was mentioned

7. Next meeting

May 4, 2016 10:00-11:30



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Suggested composition of the FoSW steering group to be appointed by FUN is the following:

Director of Studies

Maria Kahlert (Aquatic Sciences & Assessment)

Anke Herrmann (Soil & Environment)

Senior researchers/PhD-supervisors

Richard Johnsson (Aquatic Sciences & Assessment)

Deputy: Karin Wiberg (Aquatic Sciences & Assessment)

Björn Lindahl (Soil & Environment)

Deputy: Sara Hallin (Forest Mycology & Pathology)

Lisbet Lewan (Soil & Environment)

Deputy: Erik Petersson (Aquatic Resources)

PhD students

Katrin Rychel (Soil & Environment)

Deputy: Andreas Hagenbo (Forest Mycology & Pathology)

Minh Anh Nguyen (Aquatic Sciences & Assessment)

Deputy: Sabina Braun (Soil & Environment)

Tina Putz (Forest Mycology & Pathology)

Deputy: Jenna Senecal (Energy & Technology)