

Focus on Soils & Water steering committee meeting: 6th of September 2016, 13:00-15:00, room Ekoln (B4051) in the MVM centre, Ultuna, SLU.

Attendees: Richard Johnson, Jenna Senecal, Minh Anh Nguyen, Kate Rychel, Sabina Braun, Maria Kahlert, Anke Herrmann

1. Chair, secretary

Maria Kahlert chair, Anke Herrmann secretary, Jenna Senecal to adjust the protocol.

2. Minutes of 4th of May 2016

Approved by all

3. FoSW: update steering committee

FUN approved and appointed Karina Engelbrecht Clemmensen (Dept. of Forest Mycology & Plant Pathology) as FoSW steering committee member for docent/supervisors. Björn Lindahl (Dept. of Soil & Environment) will be her deputy. Jenna Senegal and Tina Putz were approved by FUN as PhD representative and deputy PhD representative. Anke will distribute an updated list of all FoSW steering group members.

4. Ongoing

4.1 PhD courses autumn 2016

4.1.1 Links on FoSW homepage

FoSW PhD student representative will continuously update the homepage. New courses should be advertised via the homepage

4.1.2 How to write and publish a scientific paper

The course started at the end of August and will continue until the end of January 2017.

There are 8 PhD students enrolled in the course.

4.1.3 Soil systems: Analytical methods for integrating the chemical, biophysical interface in soils

Course will start with literature meetings on the 5th of October. A one-week workshop will be held between 14th-18th of November. Course deadline has not passed yet. Anke will circulate another reminder for course registration.

4.2 Excursion

The University of Helsinki invited us to visit them in November. Potential date is 9th of November.

PhD students were interested in participating but the proposed date may not be suitable.

Anke will follow up on a visit sending a request to PhD students regarding the excursion.

4.3 Career day

Maria Kahlert and Helena Bylund are organizing a career day which should take place at the end of October.

4.4 Lunch seminars

Organization of monthly seminars are in progress by the PhD student representatives.

5. Decisions

5.1 Course report “Carbon cycling: from molecular to global processes (PNG0060, 3hp)” (Björn Lindahl). Proposed budget: 230 106 SEK, final budget: 223 449 SEK.

Alternative 1) I approve the course report. The Dept. of Aquatic Sciences and Assessment will be reimbursed for costs related to José’s salary (82 552 SEK) and Björn Lindahl will be reimbursed for remaining other costs (139 203 SEK).

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

Approved by all

5.2 Report Amélie Truchy for conference participation (oral presentation) Ecohydraulics, Melbourne 7-12 Feb 2016. Applied 10 tSEK, approved 5 300 SEK, report 25 300 SEK of which 5 300 SEK co-funded from FoSW (remaining costs funded through from SLU travel grants)

Alternative 1) I approve that 5300 SEK will be reimbursed to Amélie Truchy.

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

Approved by all

5.3 Application Preetisri Baskaran for collaborative work travel to Nancy, France. Applied amount for travel and accommodation during 2 days: 5 000 SEK.

Alternative 1) I approve that Preetisri Baskaran will receive 5 000 SEK.

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

Approved by all. Though remind Prettisri that the travel grant will be reimbursed via a SLU Baltzar account and not via a private bank account.

6. Brainstorming – plans for 2017?

FoSW PhD student representatives asked their peers on which courses might be of interest to them. Maria Kahlert will compile these suggestions and circulate them to the steering group.

Potential course contents were briefly discussed

- General agricultural practices. Jenna Senecal will follow up.
- Nitrogen and/or phosphorus focused course
- Organic Chemistry course

7. Other

Nothing was mentioned

8. Next meeting

Suggestions: 28th or 29th of November 13:00-15:00. Anke will circulate a doodle to all FoSW steering group members. Date for the next meeting will be based on doodle outcome.