

Minutes steering committee meeting Research School Focus on Soils & Water (FoSW): 14th of September 2017, 13:00-15:00, room Ekoln (B4051) in the MVM centre, Ultuna, SLU.

Participants: Karina Engelbrecht Clemmensen, Tina Putz, Erik Petterson, Kate Rychel, Brendan McKie, Björn Lindahl, Hannes Keck, Maria Kahlert, Anke Herrmann

1. Chair, secretary

Maria Kahlert as chair of the meeting, Anke Herrmann secretary, Brendan McKie to adjust the protocol

2. Minutes steering committee meeting 16th of May 2017

APPROVED BY ALL

3. FoSW steering group – welcome & responsibilities

New appointed chairperson: Erik Petterson; our meetings will be carried out as usual, the only difference is that Erik will be opening the meeting and then delegate the agenda to either Maria or Anke.

4. Planned activities/schedule 2017/2018 and responsibilities

Activities autumn 2017				
		Responsible	FoSW responsible	Date
Course	Image Analysis	John Koestel	Anke Herrmann	mid October
RS	Careers outside university	TBA	TBA	TBA
WS Topic	KAPA writing course	Jenna Senecal	Maria Kahlert	October
Other	Synergies AGFOREE & FoSW	Mattias Sörengård	Anke Herrmann	TBA
Other	Annual WS	Sabina Braun	Anke Herrmann	March 2018
Other	Lunch seminars	Tina Putz/Hannes Keck	Maria Kahlert	Ongoing
Other	Mobility Grant		Maria Kahlert/Anke Herrmann	Ongoing
Other	Maintenance homepage	Kate Rychel	Maria Kahlert	Ongoing

The annual workshop should be organized after the 15th of March. More information on the workshop will be taken up in the next meeting. The workshop should include discussion groups and/or questionnaire on future activities within FoSW. Lunch seminars: *change FoSW responsible from Maria Kahlert to Anke Herrmann*. Homepage should be updated including meeting minutes as well as upcoming meeting dates.

5. Decisions

5.1. Course report

Course report PNG0070 Reviewing and Summarizing Science (Antonia Liess/Maria Kahlert) (12 SLU PhD students), May 2017. Evaluation of overall course impression: 4.9 out of 5 (“very good”). Proposed budget: 79940 SEK, result 79746 SEK.

Alternative 1) I approve the course schedule & budget.

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

APPROVED BY ALL: Course report and final budget

5.2. Mobility Grants: Report

Travel report Prithvi Simha for participation at the “Embrace the Water Conference”, Gothenburg, June 2017; oral presentation. Granted: 8488 kr, result: 8289 kr.

Alternative 1) I approve application.

Alternative 2) I do not approve. Reason:

APPROVED BY ALL: Travel Report and final budget

6. Workshop information

Information about Thesis Summary - Writing workshop, 4. October 2017.

Linnea, Sabina and Jenna are organizing the workshop and this event will be funded through the FoSW sub-project *Workshop current topic/private sector*.

7. **Information** that updates are needed for information on lunch seminars, guidelines for an organizer of a FoSW activity/course, mobility grant and homepage
Maria Kahlert will take the lead on these activities

8. Lunch seminars

Anke informed about the rules regarding lunch i.e. it is fine to order “dagens rätt”; food should be ordered one week prior each seminar. Anke will support Tina and Hannes in ordering food. Approximately one lunch seminar will be organized per month during autumn/winter.

9. Other

Per capsulum: Maidul Islam Chaudry

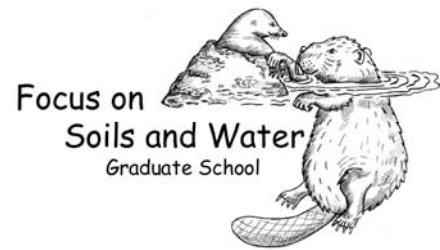
Application Maidul Islam Choudhury: Study visit at Aarhus University, Denmark (8-14 October 2017). Total costs/applied: 8700 SEK.

Background: Maidul Islam Chaudry asked whether he could use a previously granted mobility support from FoSW to visit a research group in Denmark. The first application was made to attend a PhD course at the same research group and the support was granted to the applicant. (16.5.2017 - PhD course participation Nutrient cycling in stream ecosystems (2-6 August 2017, Aarhus University, Denmark). Total costs/applied: 14 120 SEK. Approved by all). However, the course was cancelled due to very low enrollment. So, Maidul is re-applying for mobility support to make a research visit at the same research group to learn about their methods, present his research and make contacts within the same field of research as the originally planned course.

The use of this stipend which was approved for another activity will be an exception, as it will be taken from the funds for spring 2017, and a new 4-year budget period starts 1st of July 2017. A similar decision has been taken for Prithvi Simha. Maidul did not come in with a re-application



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before because there was a misunderstanding between him and Maria Kahlert, whom he had informed already 29 June 2017.

Alternative 1) I approve application.

Alternative 2) I do not approve.

Application was APPROVED via per capsulum

10. Next meeting in the autumn 2017

Next meeting is scheduled for the 4th of December 10-12 in the morning