

Minutes

Record of decisions of the first board meeting of the IDA Advisory board

<p>Chairman of the meeting: Hans Kjeldsen</p> <p>Secretary of the meeting: Louise Børsen-Koch</p> <p>Date: 20.3.2014 – 10.00-14.30</p> <p>Place: Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen Juliane Maries Vej 30 2100 Copenhagen Ø Denmark</p>	<p>Present: Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard (AU) Mads Toudal Frandsen (SDU) Allan Hornstrup (DTU SPACE) Jes Jørgensen (NBI) Uffe Gråe Jørgensen (NBI) Jens Hjorth (NBI) Lise Christensen (NBI) Hans Kjeldsen (AU) Louise Børsen-Koch (AU)</p> <p>Also present in part of the meeting: Christoffer Karoff (AU) – Excused, but partly present via Skype Michael I Andersen (NBI)</p>
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1. Approval of the Agenda:

Approved

2. Presentations of members

Nothing to report

3. IDA Framework:

A general presentation of the IDA framework in accordance with the Terms of Reference for IDA

4. Approval of the Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference was not approved by the Board. Proposals for amendments were put forward and a new draft will be presented to the board by Louise within the next two weeks.

5. Priority of budget posts

Presentation of the budget posts.

1. The budget posts “development and design of instruments and new hardware” and “access to observation facilities” are to be merged.

2. "Observation travels" is to remain as a separate post in the budget.
3. A proposal was put forward to have a budget post covering miscellaneous expenses.

6. Calls for applications in relation to the budget

1. A mailing list has been made for all interested in activities relating to Danish Astrophysics. The mailing list can be used to circulate relevant information about calls for letters of intent in relation to specific projects.
2. Within the next three weeks, Louise will send out a letter of intent in relation to the use of the budget for development, design and access.

7. Annual Budgets

It should be kept in mind that the grant given to IDA by the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation is an annual grant to be used within the current year.

7.1 The budget 2014

(See also pt.5)

The Board has decided that IDA is to fund a one year position connected to the Swift satellite.

7.2 The budget 2015-2016

The budget 2015-2016 will be discussed by the Board later this year.

8. The strategic tasks of the board

1. Overall, the Head of IDA Hans Kjeldsen is to advise the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation in matters relating to the Danish memberships of various international astrophysics organizations. The Board advises Hans Kjeldsen in these matters to ensure complete representation of Danish interests.
2. As research opportunities appear on an almost daily basis, it is vital that IDA can play an important role in recommending specific plans of action on the different issues in relation to this.

9. The Danish strategic collaboration with ESO, ESA, NOT and IAU

1. A general goal for the Board is to gather information about the status of national and international organisations and projects. Through this roadmap we are able to get a full view of what is going on within the world of astrophysics which enables us to secure the Danish representation, target the Danish strategic collaboration with the different organisations and achieve the maximum benefit for science in Denmark.

2. IAU: The Danish National Committee for Astronomy

A proposal has been put forward by Johannes Andersen that the IDA Board proposes and recommends members:

New chair of the Danish National Committee:

Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard

Members of the Danish National committee:

IDA Board members (minus Mads Toudal Frandsen)

9.1 Other organizations we should consider?-

ASTRONET

NASA

10. The Development and design of instruments and new hardware

Michael I Andersen was present in this part of the meeting.

1. The IDA Advisory Board can support the development and design of instruments and new hardware by e.g. making a roadmap of instrument development and design, thereby getting a better look into the current projects and those to come from a Danish perspective.
2. We need a national strategy regarding opportunities for Danish participation in international projects.
3. Meetings in 2014 regarding the Danish strategic collaborations: A national meeting regarding ELT –The Danish Participation in ELT to be held this spring before the Danish National Astronomy meeting 17-18 June 2014.

Michael I Andersen will participate in the planning.

11. Observing facilities

1. IDA decided to get access to the Swift Satellite and one million seconds will be available to Danish astronomers.

2. LSST: The Danish LSST-consortium

For 20,000 USD a year full access to the data from the LSST can be obtained for the 10-year period by a PI (The PI+4 Postdocs/PhD-students). A one page information letter will be made by Jens Hjorth to be distributed in the respective groups, centres and institutions covering astrophysics in Denmark.

Deadline for everyone interested: Spring 2014

12. IDA Board

Currently, the IDA Advisory Board consists of 8 members all appointed by Head of IDA Hans Kjeldsen in collaboration with the Danish Astrophysics groups, centers and institutions.

12.1 The organisation of the Board

The organisation of the Board is currently securing the broad representation of the Danish Astrophysics community as stated in the Terms of Reference for IDA.

12.2 Appointment of members in the future

1. It is important to reconsider the appointment of members in the future to secure a democratic implementation of members. This will be addressed in a future Board meeting.
2. Alterations will be made to the Terms of Reference for IDA securing that the organisation of the IDA Board is not fixed.

13. WEB – IDA.AU. DK

1. The reference point of the webpage IDA.AU.DK: The scientific infrastructure of Danish astronomy.
2. Only things relating to IDA are announced on the webpage.

14. The Danish Astronomy Meeting 2014

1. The Danish National Astronomy Meeting will take place June 17-18 at Radisson Hotel Blue in Odense.
2. The 2014 SOC:
Martin Sloth (chair), Christoffer Karoff, Desiree Della Monica Ferreira and Troels Haugbølle

15. The Annual Report to The Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation

In the end of November, a progress report on IDA will be sent to the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation.

16. Future Board Meetings

1. Future Board meetings will have a theme enabling us to have in-depth dialogues about the current theme e.g. meetings regarding ESA – “The Danish Participation in ESA” and ESO – “The Danish participation in ESO” to be held in 2014.
2. Future Board meetings in June, September and November respectively are to be determined via doodle.

17. Any Other Business

Nothing to report

18. End of meeting

The meeting ended 14.30

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